



The end of 2021 saw us saying goodbye to Mr Leon Grové as our Principal. He relocated to Makhanda (Grahamstown) to take up his new role as College Head of Kingswood College. We wish Mr Grové the very best in his new role, we are extremely proud of his achievement and thank him for his tremendous contribution at St Nicholas. We wish him and his family all the best on their new journey.

This term we welcomed our new Principal, Mr Sean Topper. Born and bred in Pietermaritzburg, Mr Topper schooled at Prestbury Primary School and Maritzburg College, carrying out his Tertiary education at UKZN (Pietermaritzburg).

Mr Topper has many years of experience in the education field, having taught at Vryheid High, Dundee High, St Dominics Academy (Newcastle), Clifton College and St Benedict School. Mr Topper has a variety of other experience and skills under his belt. He is a franchise owner of Real Estate business, the owner of a Publishing business and has served in the following roles in his education journey: Director of Academics, Head of Sport, Head of Boarding, Deputy Headmaster, Co-author of EMS and Business Studies textbooks, Finance and Marketing, IEB: Business Studies Examiner and Moderator (16 years), Curriculum Development and EMS Adult Education Moderator (present).

In the Sports Sector, he has served in the following positions: Chairperson of KZN Schools Tennis & TSA Schools Executive Member, KZN Tennis Executive and Provincial Hockey Coach and Umpire.

Mr Topper is married to Mrs Rita Topper who is also in the Education Sector. He is a proud father to 4 Scottish Terriers. He has an abundance of love and passion for children and our children at St Nicholas already absolutely adore him.

We warmly welcome Mr Topper to our amazing St Nicholas family and thank him for the wonderful impact he has already made on our campus and in our lives. We look forward to a wonderful journey together.

**Deus Ducit - God Leads**