



MATRIC 2018



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MATRICS TO
THEIR SCHOOLS

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LIVE A
COLOURFUL
LIFE

CURRO

The greatest
adventure is what
lies ahead.

– JRR Tolkien



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MESSAGE FROM ANDRIES



January 2019

Dear Matrics

The moment has come and gone! We could not help feeling happy and sad – sad to say goodbye for now and happy to see you all on the brink of living the hopes and dreams in your future. Right now, I am sure that all you can think of is who you will be outside Curro; this next stage of your lives will be full of experiences beyond what you can imagine currently.

Leverage your youth and opportunities to recreate yourself in light of who you want to be. Your future does not occur by chance. It occurs by preparation. Don't wait for your future to happen, make your future happen.

While we are enthusiastic about the contributions of leadership, citizenship, passion, hard work and dedication you will bring to our communities, the absence of your examples of character, attitude, and presence will be felt at Curro. We are inspired by the opportunities and successes that lie before you, yet remain in awe of your legacy within our walls.

Being the father of two amazing Curro learners myself, one a recent graduate, I leave you with these quotes from Dr Seuss ... he had a way with words:

- On the conclusion of your high school experience: 'Don't cry because it is over. Smile because it happened.'
- On being passionate about all you do: 'Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.'
- On following your dreams: 'You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.'

We will observe your passage through life with interest. Don't lose touch – join our alumnus initiative and visit us when you can as honoured visitors, parents and friends.

Kind regards

Andries Greyling
CEO: Curro Holdings

TOP INFO

IEB FACTS 2018:

23

Curro schools

1196

candidates

1054

achieved a BD pass



485
Number of learners with Physical Sciences as a subject:

137
achieved an A aggregate

Percentage of learners with a C average and better
73,20%

88,13%
qualified for bachelor's degree studies



TOP INFO

IEB FACTS 2017:

22

Curro schools

1144

candidates

974

achieved a BD pass



502
Number of learners with Physical Sciences as a subject:



659
Mathematics offering

112
achieved an A aggregate

Percentage of learners with a C average and better
70,37%

85,14%
qualified for bachelor's degree studies



64,33%
AVERAGE FOR MATHEMATICS

64,15%
AVERAGE FOR MATHEMATICS

NSC

RESULTS 2018

9

860

448

Curro schools

candidates

achieved a
BD pass

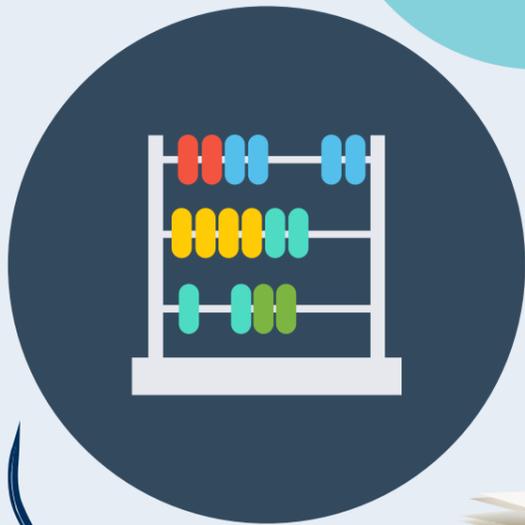
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Number of learners
with Physical Sciences
as a subject:



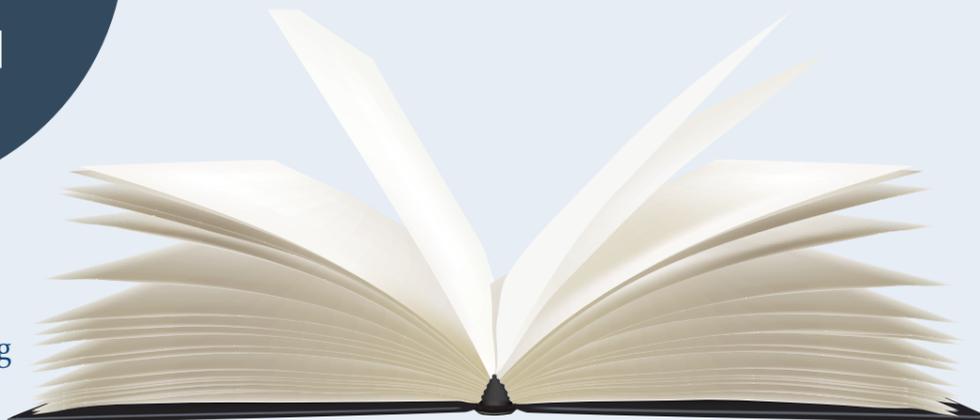
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achieved an **A** aggregate



520

Mathematics offering



NSC

RESULTS 2017

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824

346

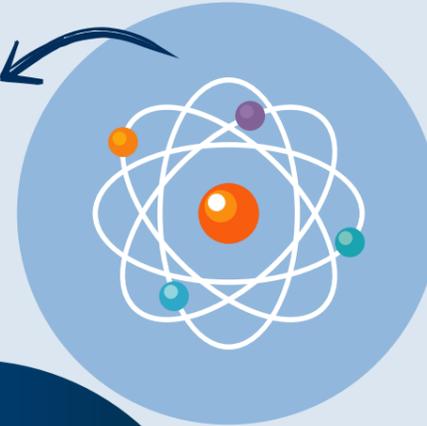
Curro schools

candidates

achieved a
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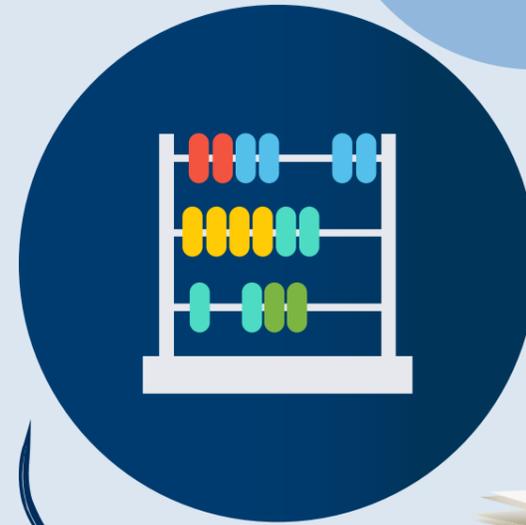
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Number of learners
with Physical Sciences
as a subject:



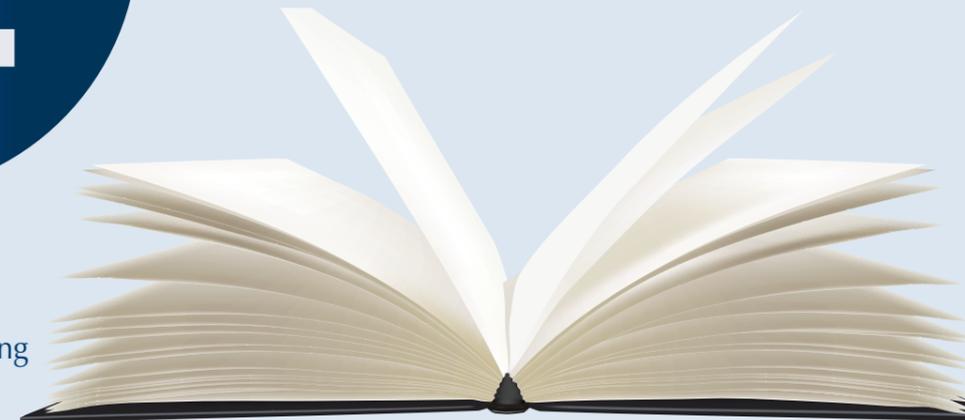
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achieved an **A** aggregate



419

Mathematics offering



Rais Hassim

Head boy



Starting Grade 8 in 2014 was extremely daunting and five years of high school seemed like a life sentence, but it truly was the fastest and most entertaining five years of my life. Curro Aurora embraced and welcomed me like a family member who had returned after a long trip! Everybody was helpful and kind – including the teachers. Curro Aurora is a place where all the teachers encourage us to break the status quo and define ourselves as we choose. They taught us how to be individuals and to think strategically. I developed a real rapport with my teachers, especially in my senior years of high school. Their guidance, advice and genuine care and interest in all of us are the things I will always remember.

During my time here, I had good and bad moments – whether it was on a personal or educational level. Fortunately, I was surrounded by an excellent support structure – from my friend group to the outstanding teachers. With the assistance of my friends who quickly became family and teachers who became my idols, I learned that there will always be obstacles, there will always be doubters and there will always be mistakes, but with hard work and commitment there will be no limits.

Matric is a superfast, hard and crazy year! I learnt this year that one of my negative attributes is procrastination. My advice to future matrics is to work and to not procrastinate. Enjoy your matric year and take every moment in. Have fun because you're creating the best memories.

Oluwatoni

Ojo-Akinkunmi

Head girl



Looking back on my journey at Curro Aurora, I have come to realise that my memories are not governed by my time at school (though I'd like to think that I lived more on the school premises than at my actual house; 07:00 – 19:00 is no joke), but rather by the people whom I've met and whom I've come to befriend. It is because of such fantastic people that I can say, 'dream team' and 'oh shucks' –

To all those who have been with me since the beginning, those who have joined me along the way and those whom I have parted ways with – thank you for standing by me, laughing with (and sometimes at) me (well-deserved of course), pushing me to the edge of annoyance and success and for sitting and crying with me (when needed) and then picking me up and carrying me the rest of the way; anything to help me finish the year strong. Credit is due to all of my teachers, the mentors, who gave my life direction, helped shape my perspectives and views for the future and safeguarding my education. Thank you for teaching me the art of self-belief, perseverance and delegation; I will always be grateful. To those who stood against me, I extend gratitude for challenging me and encouraging me to push back and fight my battles.

So, a word of advice to all the matric classes to come: challenge conventional thinking and rebel a bit because you can't imagine what successes and experiences you miss out on by blindly following what has been set before you. Carve your own paths in life and leave at least one positive thing behind for which you can be remembered. A 'meltdown' can sometimes be a good thing (I would know with the amount I've had this year) because this helps us to relieve stress and refocus. Think of it this way, without meltdowns we wouldn't have the *Ice Age* movie franchise. The three Cs (chocolate, coffee and cramming) solve almost everything and, if not, procrastinating up to a point might help – after which you will just have to 'wing it'. On a more serious note, if the three Cs don't work for you, find someone who can provide you with new ideas to motivate you to do what needs to be done. Lastly, don't be fooled, matric is every bit as daunting and difficult as learners all over make it out to be, but you will make it through. I made it through with the support of my friends and teachers and my dreams ahead of me; you can too. Many thanks to Curro for making this happen because I wouldn't have done my crazy and hectic, but always entertaining, matric year any differently (except ... maybe I would have consumed more chocolate).



Leadership camp
From left: Callum Frost and Adam Sarlie



House play
Siweze Sigodi, Connor Ryan and Mabo Seloko



Shavathon
Tayla Kennedy



Leadership camp counsellors



Curro Regionals
Toni Ojo-Akinkunmi



Interhouse swimming
Back, from left: Siweze Sigodi, Aletta Nevobasi, Thato Mosioua and Golekane Makola
Front: Mabo Seloko



Mother tongue day
From left: Shriya Komal and Themika Padayachee



Mother tongue day
From left: Bongwiwe Badela, Thato Mosioua and Anisa Matshikiza

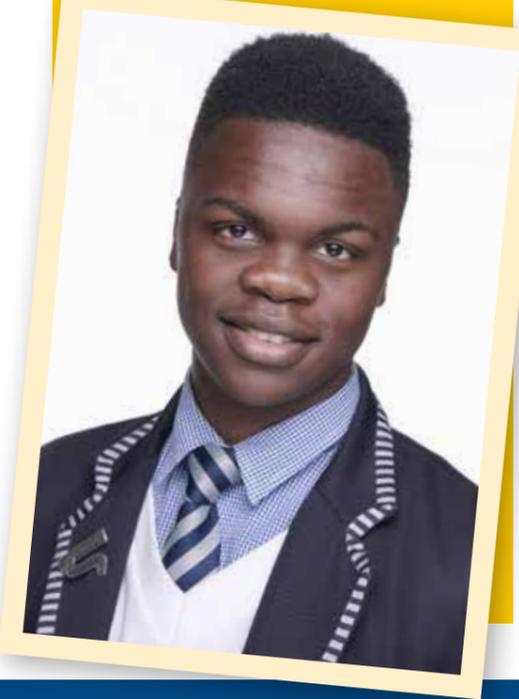
Sidwell Nkosi

There are a lot of things that I will miss about Curro Bankenveld, but what I will miss the most is the passion that our learners have – whether it's on the sports field, the stage or in the classroom. The way that we excelled makes me a proud learner of Curro.

Curro Bankenveld has taught me that you are never alone; there is always someone you can talk to. The school's Christian moral values have helped to show me how I can live my life to the fullest.

If I had to give advice to future Curro Bankenveld matrics, it would be to start immediately! Hit the ground running. It's not going to be an easy ride, but if you do all your work on time, you are going to be fine. Don't forget to aim high though, because we all need to have goals and we need to aim high to achieve them.

Head boy



Grade 12 A1



Grade 12 E1



Grade 12 E2



Grade 12 E3

Xandri Brits

I will cherish all the memories I have made in my time at Curro Bankenveld. Here I have made friends who I will have for a lifetime. Curro Bankenveld has taught me how to be strong and how to survive in a stressful environment. This school taught me how to stick to my values. To the matrics of next year, enjoy your time and spend it wisely because it goes by in the blink of an eye. Leave a legacy that you will be remembered by. I have had an amazing experience and will never forget the wonderful time I had this year.

Head girl



Matric dance 2018

Puseletso Mampho and Lebogang Manaka



Nichard Oosthuizen

Girls' first hockey team
Rodé de Beer



Consumer Studies – practical
Rosina Ibrahim



Jyothi Balasar Head leader

What I will remember most about Curro are the memories and the fun I have shared with many people at Curro. Curro has taught me to never give up and always aim for the stars, as there is no limit to your imagination and no limit to who you want to be. To all future matrics of Curro, good luck to all of you, and remember that your teachers and peers are there to help. Believe in yourself and aim for the best. We all have weaknesses, but in order to become better, we must accept, move on and practise till we see the light at the end of the tunnel.



Matric dance
From left: Buhle Monyante, Majoro Mokone, Keketso Matsabisa, Vuyisile Kers, Thapelo Thale and Seung hyun Han



Friends through thick and thin
From left: Kiara Govender and Jyothi Balasar



Matric dance
From left: Kiara Govender, Zintle Mlambo, Nkosazana Masoka (guest), Keketso Matsabisa, Bontle Mohale and Tiegan Robertson



A picture-perfect moment
Front, from left: Majoro Mokone, Rebokile Mphuthi, Mosa Mpakane, Buhle Monyante and Tiegan Robertson
Back, from left: Jyothi Balasar, Zintle Mlambo, Kiara Govender, Bontle Mohale and Keketso Matsabisa



Matric dance 2018

Janco Greyling

Head boy

Curro Durbanville is my home away from home.

Ek het as 'n bang 4-jarige by Curro Durbanville begin en vandag is ek 'n 18-jarige wat met selfvertroue die toekoms kan ingaan. As ek terugkyk, is dit met gemengde gevoelens. Ek is trots, want ek is deur ongelooflike hande gevorm en geleer. Ek is opgewonde, want ek sien uit na wat buite die mure van Curro en my ouerhuis wag. Ek is hartseer, want dit is die einde van 'n era en ek moet onderwysers en medeleerders na aan my hart groet. Ek groet egter met selfvertroue, want my fondasie is sterk!

Ek was dalk nie deel van die proses om my by Curro Durbanville in te skryf nie, maar dit was beslis my keuse om my skoolloopbaan hier te voltooi. By hierdie skool is elke kind belangrik en het ek geleentehede gehad, buiten akademies, wat ek nie noodwendig by 'n ander skool sou kry nie. Al is ek nie die grootste nie kon ek rugby, krieket en hokkie speel. Ek het wedstryde gewen en verloor en het so geleer hoe om 'n goeie sportman te wees. Ek kon aan kultuuraktiwiteite en skaak deelneem, sonder dat ek gespot is.

Ek het geleer dat jy jouself kan wees en dat dit jou verantwoordelikheid is om deel van die skool te word deur jouself aan dit wat aangebied word bloot te stel. Ek het geleer dat jy belangrik is – of jy nou kaptein van die 1ste span, die top- akademiese presteerder, op die Unisa-erol of net bloot 'n kind is.

Dit wat my sal bybly, is dat die onderwysers omgee en tyd in jou as individu belê – in die laerskool en die hoërskool. Hulle sal na skool bly of Saterdag inkom en die die hoof en uitvoerende hoof se deure is altyd vir ons oop. Hier kan jy jou mening lug oor sake wat vir jou en jou medeleerders belangrik is en daar sal na jou geluister word.

Ek sal die kameraadskap van my spanmaats en afrigter vreeslik mis – die lawwe grappe, harde oefening en pret asook die tradisies, gees en wat dit is om 'n Curro-wolf te wees! Ek sal ook die konserte mis, waar almal in verskillende grade vriende word en waar 'n mens die onderwysers op 'n ander manier leer ken en waardeer.

Aan die toekomstige matrieks, dit is 'n baie kort en intense jaar, maar moenie vergeet om aan elke aspek daarvan deel te neem nie. Ek weet julle sal dit maak, want ons het ongelooflike, toegewyde onderwysers wat weet hoe om hard te werk, maar ook pret te hê – soos "40 days" bewys! Moenie vergeet nie, julle is seniors en die gees van die skool so, gaan groot of gaan huis toe! Onthou, "Jy is tot alles in staat deur God wat jou die krag gee" – Filippense 4:13.

Ek weet ek sal altyd 'n trotse Curro-leerder wees, want Curro is in my bloed! Een keer 'n Wolf, altyd 'n Wolf!



'People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

– Maya Angelou

Moya Marumo

Dear Curro, you have opened my eyes to a side of life that I would otherwise never have been exposed to.

You have taught me how to look with the eyes of sympathy, logic, kindness, servitude and dedication to success. Above all, you have taught me to carry out balancing acts that I didn't know I was capable of. You taught me strength beyond what I thought possible.

Out of all my crazy experiences at Curro, I will forever remember that moment when we all came together as proudly South African learners on Heritage Day and celebrated this country, regardless of our country of birth, ethnicity or religion.

The advice I would give future learners at Curro is to breathe and remember to play as hard as you work. I would tell learners to not compare their success to those who succeed in other things. I would tell future Curro learners to be patient with themselves – everything will come together in the end.



Head girl

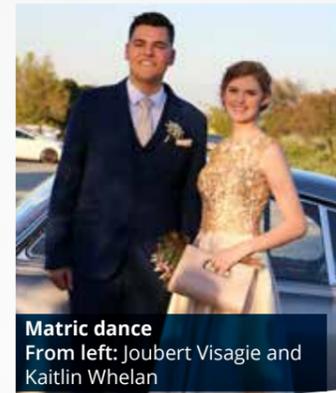
Curro Durbanville



Curro Durbanville 40 days
From left: Ciara Weight, Daniel Lewis, Kristen Alexander and Jina Park



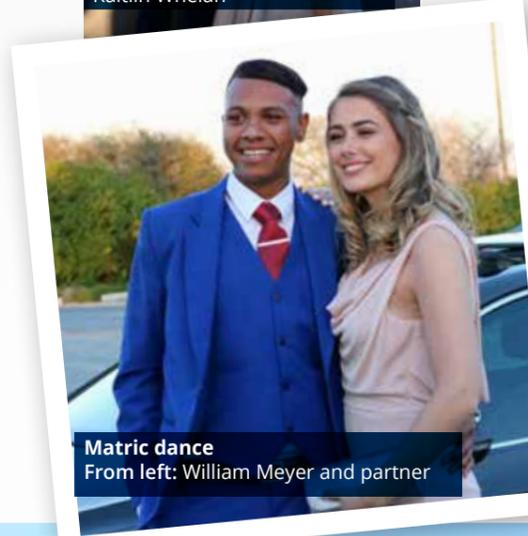
Matric dance
From left: Jina Park and Daniel Lewis



Matric dance
From left: Joubert Visagie and Kaitlin Whelan



Interhouse athletics cheerleaders
Front, from left: Mariska de Lange and Gracious Izaks
Back, from left: Hannah Daniels, Ricardo da Silva, Matthew Hayden, Lihle Arosi, Michelle Boersma, Amber-May de Bruyn, Christopher Johnson and Ethan Lombard



Matric dance
From left: William Meyer and partner



Matric dance
From left: Thlonolofatso Thekiso, Phumelele Sangweni, Leeanne Downing, Lorraine Louis, Hannah Daniels, Lihle Arosi, Aaliya Abrahams and Fiona Stock



Curro Durbanville 40 days
From left: Dylan Bailey, Nathon Weber, Michael George, Bobby Quan and Adriaan Alexander



Interhouse athletics cheerleaders
Front, from left: Thloni Thekiso, Phume Sangweni, Moya Marumo, Danielle Raath and Skye Medell
Back, from left: Liam Steyn, Nathon Weber, Joshua Sadie, Marno Sander and William Meyer

NJ Coetzee Head boy



We make our choices, and then our choices make us. Fortunately for me my parents chose Curro Hazeldean as my school five years ago. Why do I regard that choice as an outstanding one with a multitude of benefits?

The recipe for the success of our school lies with the people – our teachers, our executive head and our learners. We are indeed a school where everybody is somebody. The teachers treat everyone of us with respect and the smaller classes make the relationship between learner and teacher more spontaneous.

The main ethos that our school carries out, is to have faith in God and to care about others. These values were embedded in us during five wonderful years. A little shoeshiner in Johannesburg once put the following above his workplace: 'I'm not a star, but I can shine'. Our school has truly allowed each and every one of us to shine to the best of our abilities on various occasions where our talents could best be developed.

Here at Curro Hazeldean we have developed from 'Hazelnuts' to young trees – ready to make a useful and efficient contribution in all aspects of our adult lives. We are ready to leave this safe harbour because we were equipped by caring and efficient teachers. We agree with Albert Einstein, 'Try not to become a man of success, but rather to become a man of value.'



Grade 12 Accounting learners
Front, from left: Anisha Islam, Nienke Pretorius, Corné Swanepoel (teacher), Amanda Mpfou, Kailene Dwarika and Carmen Nel
Back, from left: Pascale Kruger, Lesedi Mosupoye, Morné Bodenstein, Micheal Wessels, Zandré de Klerk, NJ Coetzee and Thando Vokwana



Curro Hazeldean interhouse
From left: Kutlwano Matlala, Thanod Vokwana, Abogile Yako, Yvette Potgieter and Itumeleng Sithole



Grade 12 relay athletes
From left: Beate Senske, Nicole Riekert, Lucio Correia, Nicole Kotze, Marnus Linde and Buhle Dube

Michelle Nolte



Head girl

In 2014 het ons by Curro Hazeldean aangekom as onsekere "Washamarookies" in graad 8, sonder om te weet wat om van die volgende vyf jaar van ons lewens te verwag.

Ons graad 8-oriënteringskamp was die begin van baie herinneringe wat ons vir altyd sal koester.

Hier by Curro Hazeldean word elke leerder gesien as 'n individu wat deel is van 'n diverse groep mense. Dit word perfek deur Malcolm Forbes opgesom: "Diversity; the art of thinking independently together." Al het ons almal baie verskille, stap ons hierdie pad – vanaf een lewensfase na die volgende – saam.

Alleen stap ons vinnig, maar saam stap ons ver. Ek sal my Curro-familie vir niks kan verruil nie!

At Curro I have learned that it is not just about winning, but about having fun. I have had the privilege to be a part of various teams throughout my high school career and I have realised that you can always be a winner if you lose with a good attitude.

Curro has taught me that you shouldn't let anyone tell you who you should be or what you should do. Being yourself is more than enough. You don't have to listen to those who make fun of you for doing what you love; they are the ones missing out on all the fun! Everyone needs to find their place and you shouldn't be afraid if you find yours a bit earlier than others. Like the famous Dr Seuss said: 'Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you.'

To the Class of 2019, this is your last year in school. Enjoy every moment and let every memory live in your heart forever. Make the best of every opportunity that comes your way. Remember, you can't change the world by trying to be like it.



CK's got talent
 Lebo Motshwane



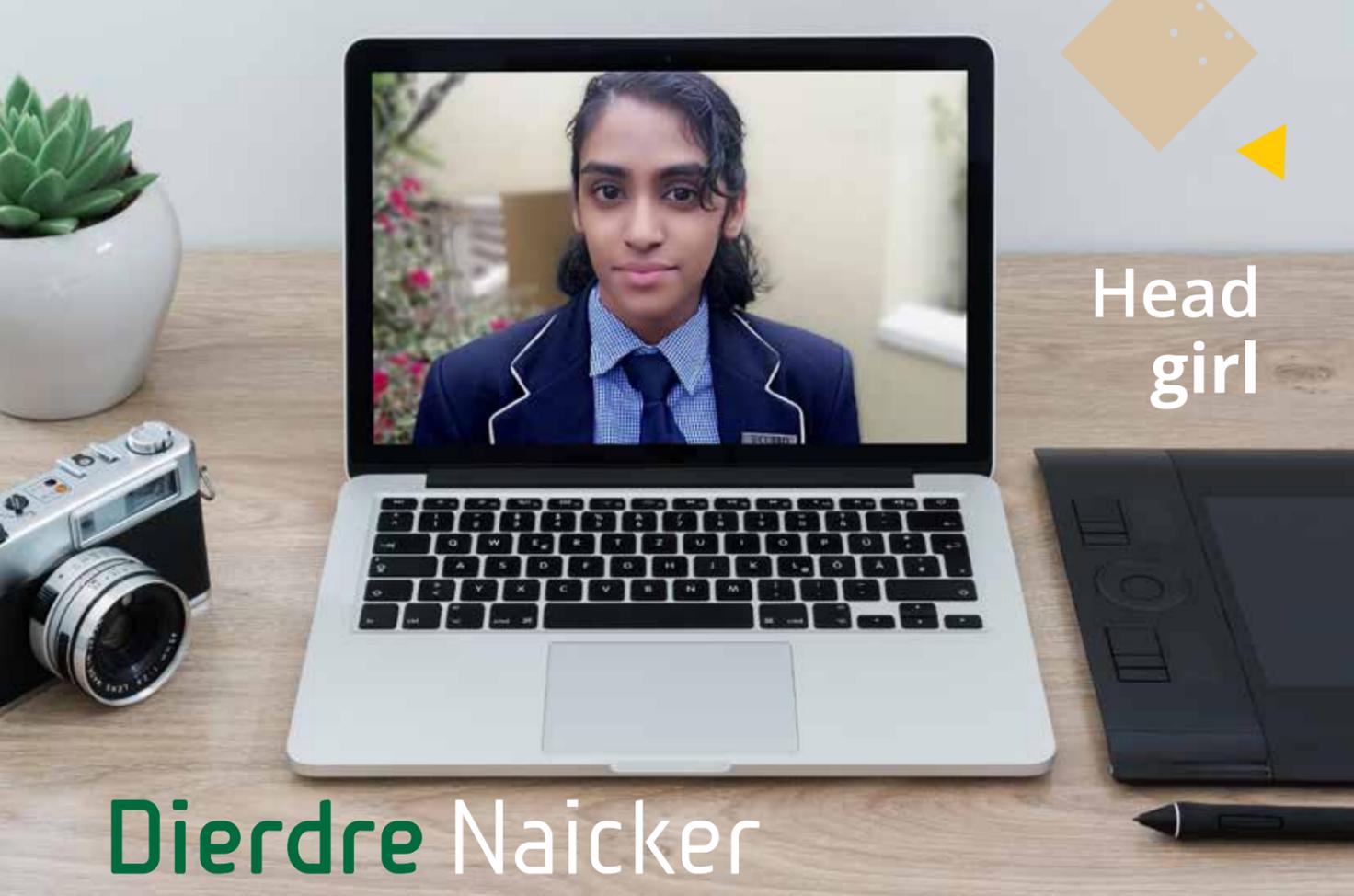
Ridge House cheerleaders
From left: Kailene Dwarika, Reitumetse Mofokeng, Pascale Kruger and Michelle Nolte



Roux House cheerleaders
From left: Nienke Pretorius, Wandile Ntshangase, Cherize Wickens, Tsholofelo Mogawane, Teboho Letshole, Sophie Mangaba and Carmen Nel



Curro at night
From left: Marnus Linde, Schalk Boshoff, Franzu Goldner, MC Botma and Morné Bodenstein



Head girl

Dierdre Naicker

I remember my first day at Curro Heritage House like it was yesterday – daunting, to say the least. A mousy, insecure, 13-year-old girl about to experience the challenges of high school. I was scared, nervous and anxious all at the same time. Little did I know that I was not entering some horrid hell hole, I was becoming a part of a family.

Curro Heritage House opened their warm, loving arms to this 13-year-old girl and built her up to be a strong, independent head prefect. Not a day goes by that I do not feel undisputedly grateful to be part of this school. It deeply saddens me to have reached the final chapters of this journey, but I will forever treasure the memories and the values that have helped me grow as a person.

Having the duty of the head prefect has not been an easy one, but what I have learnt being at Curro is that your potential is beyond any limit and if you face anything that comes your way with courage and integrity, you are bound to achieve amazing things.

To the future matriculants, there is nothing more precious than time, so treasure the time you have – time with your friends, your teachers, your school, because before you know it, you will be having your 'lasts'. Your last grade camp, your last netball match, your last lesson with your favourite teacher and your last time walking through the gates of your second home.

Thank you, Curro Heritage House (Embury) – where love does conquer all.

Life Sciences and Geography excursion
Front, from left: Learnmore Ntshangase, Siqaliso Mpanza, Fardeen Chamir, Nhlanhla Gumede, Uthando Bebula, Tamera Gopal, Ilhaam Al-Bulushi and Sejal Mungroo
Back, from left: Kiaren Pillay, Shikaar Maharaj, Phumeletsie Biyela, Shannon Flores-Coelho and Amy Conacher



Afrikaans class breakfast
From left: Shikaar Maharaj, Noufal Abdulla, Gail Rittles (teacher), Ilhaam Albulushi, Diedre Naicker, Amy Conacher and Fardeen Chamir



Life Sciences and Geography excursion
Front: Uthando Bebula
Middle, from left: Phumeletsie Biyela, Ilhaam Al-Bulushi and Nhlanhla Gumede
Back, from left: Siqaliso Mpanza, Shannon Flores-Coelho and Shikaar Maharaj



The matric dance invitation handout was organised by our Grade 11 learners.



Prefect camp 2018
From left: Ilhaam Al-Bulushi, Yolande Dlamini, Nosihle Bhengu, Dierdre Naicker and Kwanda Ngxukumeshe

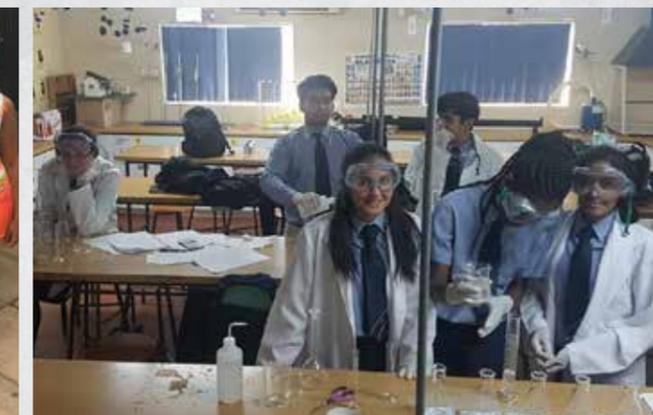


Matric Dance 2018 – Coastlands Hotel
 All learners enjoyed a wonderful evening.



Scientists in training
From left: Ilhaam Al-Bulushi, Nosihle Bhengu and Dierdre Naicker

Zulu dance club performance
From left: Amahle Langazane (Grade 11) Pumeletsie Biyela, Nosihle Bhengu and Yolanda Dlamini



Science lessons are cool!
Front, from left: Ilhaam Albulushi, Nosihle Bhengu and Dierdre Naicker
Back, from left: Kamenika Govender, Shannon Flores-Coelho, Noufal Abdulla and Shikaar Maharaj

Butjilo Ngwenya Head boy

As my final year comes to an end I would like to give some advice to those who will be on the same journey I have been on. The difference between success and failure can be pinned down to one word: discipline. If you lack discipline, forget about success. Discipline does not only count for when you are with people, but when you are alone too and have no one to prove yourself to. Discipline is when you choose to study instead of watching YouTube videos. Don't ever be okay with average. Compete with the best around you and aim for success.

We are perfect reflections of the hard work or the lack of work we put in and we should remember that luck has nothing to do with success. The tougher the road, the greater the reward is at the end. Remember that your comfort zones are your enemy. Comfort zones are limitations. If your family and friends set imitations for your success and set standards for you, rise above them.

Be willing to fail and when you don't see results, don't panic. I have learnt many things during this last year, like how destructive procrastinating is. The most important thing I have learnt is that life will never give you what you want, but what you deserve.

So if you work hard and take time to have fun and grow, your Grade 12 year will be one to remember forever. You can never put into words the feelings you experience during your last year of school. So you will just have to wait and ride this roller coaster yourself.



Samantha Lightfoot Head girl



Victus Somnium: this is a Latin saying that we see daily when walking into our school.

It means living the dream, and seeing this every day has been a great motivation to me, because it continually reminds all of us that working hard will push you towards your dreams. I have been at Curro since 2014 and each year has brought new memories, but my fondest memories are the days spent with my teachers. They as a whole have provided me with the great gift of knowledge and with the support and care I've always needed.

As a whole Curro has shown me who I am and could be, I have grown and pushed my way through the challenges I have had to face and found the strength within myself to help not only myself, but also others around me.

Advice I would give to learners entering our growing school is not to take any day for granted. Listen to the people around you so you can learn and grow and push yourself to achieve goals you think you cannot. When you put your mind to it, you can achieve anything! I'd like to thank Curro and all the amazing people involved in shaping my future. You have provided me with the stepping stones that have bought me closer to my goals.



Acting out Shakespeare with an African twist
Leah Williams



Acting out Shakespeare with an African twist
From left: Baitsi Mahlangu, Rearabetswe Mahudi and Palesa Ramafola



Acting out Shakespeare with an African twist
From left: Nakedi Ngoepe, Tshogofatso Molele, Butjilo Ngwenya and Rearabetswe Maputle



Top achievers Grade 12
From left: Leah Williams, Palesa Ramafola, Megan Govender, Samantha Lightfoot and Paballo Moloji



Top achievers Grade 12
Back, from left: Megan Govender, Leah Williams and Marion Ruiters
Front, from left: Nakedi Ngoepe, Thandiswa Ndlovu and Paballo Moloji



Grade 12 learners enjoying their leadership
From left: Rearabetswe Mahudi, Baitsi Mahlangu and Palesa Ramafola



Grade 12 prefects 2018
Back, from left: Asenathi Matshabane, Jarrod Nel, Andre Seethal, Paballo Moloji, Rearabetswe Maputle, Leah Williams, Micaela Costa, Megan Govender, Nkosana Mavundla, Daron Venter and Elvis Luvhimbi
Front, from left: Rearabetswe Mahudi, Lauren Barkway, Nakedi Ngoepe, Palesa Ramafola, Katlego Mashile, Tione Naicker, Amber Martins, Sinead de Meillon and Baitsi Mahlangu

Gabriel Stratford

Head boy

Curro Hermanus; the place where I spent the last five years of my school career. I entered Curro in Grade 8 and I remember the pride and excitement I felt by having the opportunity to join such a beautiful school. Now, as I enter my final months at Curro, I still feel that pride.

I have so many memories linked to my experience at Curro, but when asked what I will remember the most, my answer is – the intimacy. Throughout my five years at Curro I have never felt unimportant or unseen. Our school has always had a feeling of family; a feeling of everyone knowing everyone.

My advice to future matrics, do not fear or stress. The future may seem daunting and busy, but have faith. Matric is not all it seems and once you can see the finishing line, all your hard work becomes worth it. Remember, matric is not all about work. Do not forget about yourself. Matric is about showing the world what you have and to do that, you also have to focus on yourself!



Receiving matric dance invitations



Matric dance 2018

Matric dance
From left: Tania Theron, Llewelyn van Rensburg (partner), Christoff Jordaan, Kirsten Larney, Anri Kotzé and Franco de Villiers



Matric artwork for the Hermanus FynArts exhibition
Marc Philip



Another day in the science lab
Luka Jasprica

Kaci van Romburgh

Head girl

I have been a part of Curro for many years and have created the most unforgettable memories. My experiences at Curro have been inspirational – from being on the sports field to being in class. My experiences at Curro have been positive and I was able to visit many places and meet incredible people.

Curro gave me many opportunities to get involved with the community. I never stopped exploring and developing. Curro has taught me many things about myself; one of the biggest is to be true to yourself. I learnt to follow my dreams, to create memories and to have no regrets. Commitment and kindness are huge factors at Curro. Here I realised that giving back to the community is essential. I learnt to have my own set of morals and to live my life according to what makes me happy.

To all future matrics, I urge you to get involved wherever you can! Have fun and follow your passion. Do NOT have any regrets. You should do what makes you happy and make everlasting memories at Curro Hermanus!



Matric dance
Diago Fischer (right) and Lara Arrison (partner, Grade 10)



Casual day
Front, from left: Lee-Ashmon Philander, Gia Basson, Anke Bielfeld and Kirsten Larney
Back, from left: Christoff Jordaan, Ruben Harmse, Maryke Hoogenboezem, Tania Theron and Fagan Gillion



Matric dance
From left: Kaci van Romburgh (head girl) and Gabriel Stratford (head boy)



Casual day
From left: Kaci van Romburgh, Jannie Malachowski, Rebecca Swanepoel, Diago Fisher, Keegan Ferreira and Jessica Donnelly

Dylan Catto Head boy



The life of a child in the Curro family

At the end of my school career, I look back at the privilege of being part of the Curro family. I can state that it has been an experience like no other!

When I first joined the Curro family four years ago, I was a bright eyed 14-year-old waiting to experience high school for the first time and having no idea what was in store for me. Curro Heuwelkruin has shaped my life in so many ways and I have never been prouder to be part of this family.

In Grade 8, the first thing I had to endure was initiation, which brought me closer to my classmates and created an unbreakable bond in our group. In Grade 9 it was playing rugby for the first time, where the boys gave me all the support I needed to gain confidence and become the rugby player that I am today. Grade 10 taught me that the teachers will do everything they can to make sure you are exactly where you are meant to be and that you understand every aspect of the work, either through extra lessons, or through extra attention in class. Grade 11 taught me just how hard you have to work to achieve your goals.

Now I'm in the final chapter of living with my Curro family (I say living because although we leave at the end of Grade 12, we will always be part of this amazing family). Grade 12 has been nothing short of the amazing year that you expect it to be, and has taught me a lot. Not only about life, but also about myself, who I am, my likes and dislikes.

My advice to parents: enrol your children in a Curro school! It will make all the difference in their future and will help mould them to be the best that they can be.

My advice to the learners: Enjoy your time at Curro. We always hear the 'if I could go back I would ...' speech from those who have already finished school, but take it from a learner who is looking at the end of his high school career. Participate in every opportunity that heads your way. Be it sport, culture or just fun.

The only thing I am 100% certain about, is that I am going to miss this family. There is no other time of your life that is as amazing.

I want to thank every teacher who sacrificed their time and effort to prepare us for the big world outside of school, and I want to thank the executive head and head of high school for always putting the learners first.

Curro Heuwelkruin, I salute you!

Quenique Chalmers

My Curro family

Curro Heuwelkruin is much more than a school, it's my family. I've been part of this home away from home for ten years, and it has been my anchor with people who fill the roles of a household. Together we work as a well-oiled machine.

The executive head, head of high school and head of primary school are the fathers in this household. They are the backbone that keep everything together with guidance, kindness and understanding for every child who crosses the Curro threshold.

Mother Teresa once said, 'A mother is the heart of the home'. This would be our teachers. They have put their hearts and souls into preparing us for the grown-up world. They have led us through academic challenges and teenage struggles, holding our hands and letting go at just the right time to make us grow.

Lastly, the siblings who bind the big happy family together: the learners. Even though we may sometimes disagree on matters, we will always love and support each other. These are my brothers and sisters who know my heart and will stand by my side on the sports field, the stage, in and outside the class.

My Curro family have always encouraged me to develop my talents and even helped me discover new ones. I was challenged to leave my comfort zone and I'll be forever grateful for that.

My advice to other learners is to make an effort to be part of the Curro family. Participate in as many activities as possible. You'll only regret what you didn't do. The memories that come with it will be precious. I should learn from my own advice, but don't be too serious all of the time. Remember that we are still children, and have some fun!

Although I'm leaving this family behind, Curro Heuwelkruin will always be the roots, from which I draw strength, on my journey through life. Thank you for being my family.

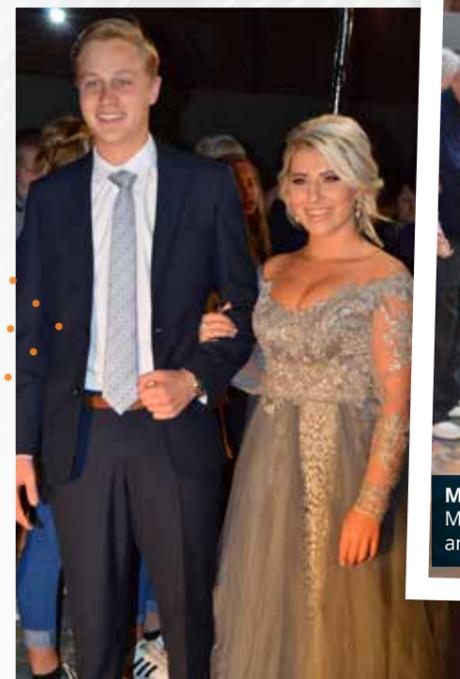


Head girl

Curro Heuwelkruin



Curro Heuwelkruin 40 days



Matric dance
From left: Tristan Dunster and Zanelle Swart



Matric dance
Modipadi Mokgohloa (right) and her partner



Matric dance



Curro Heuwelkruin 40 days
From left: Lizette Pretorius, Marisa de Lange, Chané Steyn, Maria Tamayo Isla and Timoné Milne



Matric dance
From left: Quenique Chalmers and Reece Wynne



Matric dance
Lungelo Gabela (right) and his partner

Justine Reed Head girl



Benson Msowoya Head boy

Have confidence in 2 Corinthians 12:9 - "For my grace is sufficient for you and my power is made perfect in weakness". You will not fail.

My journey at Curro Hillcrest has definitely been one of growth. From starting in Grade 0 and journeying through the preschool, primary and now high school I have grown into the person I am today. Curro Hillcrest has taught me so much through academics, team building as well as out-of-the-classroom learning. Curro Hillcrest has definitely given me the opportunity to excel in many areas of my life.

All the outings we go on are part of what makes our school so special - be it in the bush, by the beach or in a local community, our 'outdoor classrooms' are truly unique. These were always the highlight of my year. It helped me see and experience the world around me in a real way and taught me to always appreciate what I have and the beautiful creation around me.

Even in the sporting and cultural aspects of school, I have learnt so much. In sport I have learnt to be a team player - enjoying outdoor exercise whilst bonding with teammates and making new friends. In cultural activities I have learnt the art of discipline, rhythm and fun by being involved with our school's marimba bands. I made many friends, created many memories and, of course, learnt to play a musical instrument.

Curro Hillcrest has definitely equipped me for the real world. The teachers allowed me to pursue dreams, set goals and achieve greatness. The friendships formed over the years have only been blessings that I am so grateful for. I will forever cherish the lifelong friends who I now have because of a school that has encouraged fun and making memories.

To the matrics of 2019, never give up on a dream. Stay focussed, don't procrastinate and keep persevering. Matric may have its ups and downs, but stay positive, create memories and enjoy your last year of school.

Curro Hillcrest has become my second home, a place where I have faced and conquered many challenges. I have not done this alone, but with the aid of my teachers. While at Curro Hillcrest my leadership skills were developed and, despite being stretched and challenged, this has yielded much success.

I have learnt to be productive and efficient under pressure, and I believe these skills were developed by being a leader at Curro Hillcrest. The first term was the busiest time of my life, but went by so fast that I could not believe how much I had achieved in only a few months. Although this was the most demanding term, it was a stage of my life that I will not forget because I grew so much - as an individual, as head boy and as a Curro Hillcrest learner. While I have learnt that balance is key, I have also learnt that I have to do my very best in everything. Because of this, I have made great contributions to the sporting arena and have achieved my personal best in the academic field whilst continuing to be a respected leader who is in touch with the ones he leads.

I have learnt that, as a leader, you have to be patient, compassionate and empathetic towards people - which is honestly easier said than done! You need to be strategic and you need to pray - not only for yourself, but for the prefects too because they are an extension of you within the school. Everything they do reflects on your leadership and, ultimately, how people will view the school.

My advice for future matrics is to keep on moving forward, even with the smallest of steps. Have the determination and persistence of a marathon runner - visualise the finishing line before you reach it and be motivated to constantly do the best you can do. Grow to be the example you are looking for in your school, and in society, and admit your weaknesses - let's face it, we all have them!



Matric dance 2018
Tim Edley (front) and
Nicole Snell (partner)



Business Studies fundraising: Step Up! foundation
From left: Shayla van der Merwe (Grade 12), Msizi James
and Jenna Maree (Grade 12)



Matric dance 2018
From left: Stephen Roeters van
Lennep and Erin Nel



Matric dance 2018
From left: Banele Ngidi and
Lethukuthula Ndlovu (partner)

Thabiso Moyo

A school is not a school without teachers. What I will miss most about Curro Kathu are the teachers. Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, calibre and future of an individual. Teachers are so underrated and underpaid, yet they do phenomenal work. High-five to all the excellent teachers, you rock!

Curro has taught me to respect my efforts and to respect myself. Self-respect leads to self-discipline. When you have both firmly under your belt, that's real power. Another thing Curro has taught me about myself, is that we all have dreams. To make dreams a reality takes a lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort.

Hang in there, it's definitely not as terrible of a year as you might think. Enjoy every minute because once you graduate, this stage of your life is officially over and the new stage is a whole new world.

Create memories. Sooner than later you will be in a new place; forced to make new friends. Try to not let this year pass you by. Step out of your comfort zone and have some fun with the people you love before the time has passed.

Keep the future in mind. Our knowledge of the future often motivates us to get through our present situation or state. So, think about the independence you will have or the parties you will attend to help get you through your last semester of high school.

Head boy



Tlotlomatso Ositang

As fun and memorable as high school is for most people, we all have to leave eventually. Every day some learners look forward to things before they come to school - be it friends, a certain class they enjoy, clubs, etc. What I will remember most about Curro Kathu, is the loving, dedicated teachers - teachers who really just have our best interest at heart. I will remember all the Mandela Days, ignite and athletics and I will remember each and every one of my nine extraordinary fellow classmates.

One thing I have learnt about myself by being a Curro learner, is that I can be a game changer. Absolutely nothing is out of my reach, I just have to act. I have learnt that, if I gather courage and confidence and put my mind to something and *Just Do It* ✓ (even if I'm scared), I will get it done. I've learnt that I can overcome anything if I want to. I know now that my 'stage fright' is just an illusion.

My advice to the future matrics of Curro is to challenge yourselves; take every opportunity that comes your way. Find your purpose and create your vision and create yourself. There might come a time when you feel like it is all too much; stay positive and work hard. Don't let this break you; let it make you, and remember, God is always there. Most importantly, have fun! Take part in sport, cultural activities, etc. and don't be too hard on yourself. This process should be fun, not stressful!

Head girl



Meet and greet with Nico Bronkhorst, our new Executive Head Back, from left: Osiame Motingwe, Clio Vos, Thabiso Moyo, Riana Rautenbach (FET Phase Head), Kabi Kgaphola, Nhlanhla Ngcobo, Persusan Govender, Junior Hager, Tlotlomatso Ositang, Rickert Jacobs (Head of High School) and Nico Bronkhorst (Executive Head)

Front, from left: Demi Mac Vay and Danelle Venter



Mandela Day



Mathematics long item Back, from left: Danelle Venter, Riana Rautenbach (FET Phase Head) and Nhlanhla Ngcobo Front, from left: Kabi Kgaphola, Clio Vos, Tlotlomatso Ositang, Osiame Motingwe, Thabiso Moyo and Persusan Govender



Class of 2018



At the matric dance, the boys sure had the moves
From left: Omphile Maddonna, Thabo Palatsi, Tapiwa Gweshe and Aqil Variava



A few of the matric Biology learners having fun with their practical experiment
From left: Shaina Gossayn, Marina Maddonni, Uziar Adam, José Miranda and Richard Visser



Prefect camp 2018



Matric Life Sciences camp at St Lucia



The matric under 18 relay team bringing home the gold
From left: Lentle Ntlhaile, Marina Maddonni, Rethabile Tsebiso and Keabetswe Dintwe



Camps are a lot of fun for the matric learners
From left: Verusha Govender, Marco Maddonni, Marina Maddonni, Talya Kebonte, Richard Visser and Teena Bhoola



At the matric dance



Rethabile Tsebiso

Head girl

Gone are the days when we stared in awe at the 'men' with wispy beards strolling the corridors. Admiring their every gesture, noting their every motion. Though it doesn't feel like it, we have become those men.

Twelve years. A different name. Same family.

I have often found myself caught up in the busyness of the year, with time nothing but a blurred construct in which we were caught, stuck in routine. Months when we were drowning in stress and overdue tasks, but now those very same months became days. Days until it is all over, until it is all ruled as the end of this chapter of life.

When I reflect, I remember not those overdue tasks, but the collective 'strikes' for extensions. Strikes that united us, because we shared a communal vision. A culmination of these stand-alone events is what forged this very family I speak of. It wasn't the grounds, nor the teachers – it was the learners. That is what Curro Klerksdorp is. A collection of diverse individuals who, together, bring out the best in each other.

This is what has made my experience unique, and it is what I will dearly cherish. But, as it is with all great stories, they must come to an end. I am grateful for this chapter that had been written in the blue ink of Curro Klerksdorp.

What I would leave with future matrics is nothing other than this: It's really not that deep man, keep shining.

Aqil Variava

Head boy

One word: family. To my mind, my fellow matrics and Curro Klerksdorp learners will always epitomise this word. It is with feelings of nostalgia that I now reminisce about the day – five years ago – that I, along with my fellow Grade 8 friends, entered our classrooms for the first time. I was scared, not knowing what to expect or what the future held for me. The things that I was yet to discover about myself were unimaginable.

It is insane how quickly the years have gone by and how much knowledge I have acquired during those years. Besides being my home away from home, Curro Klerksdorp has taught me how to be a leader – to stand up for what I believe in and to do so respectfully and with confidence. I will always remember the laughter, and never forget what the tears taught me.

Blue pride.

To the future matrics, just when you feel like you want to give up, I leave you with this: *'Great things never came from comfort zones'* (anonymous).

Learn to risk absurdity in order to achieve the impossible. You are great and very capable. Don't let anyone ever take that from you. Remember, high school is a steep climb and matric is that final stretch on the Mount Everest of your high school education. You will be pushed beyond what you thought you were capable of and at times you will be gasping for air. Trust me, it's worth it. The view from up here is incredible.

Ryan Maynard

Head boy



I will always remember walking into the school quad in the morning and seeing all the friendly, familiar faces of learners and teachers. It felt like I was coming home and these people were like family. I will never forget the passion and excitement of events such as 40 days, big brag and sports matches. I appreciate the commitment of the teachers who went the extra mile, even arranging extra lessons after hours to ensure that every learner had the opportunity to achieve their best.

Curro has taught me to not worry about what others think and that I should stand up for what I believe in, no matter what. Curro has inspired me to work hard at whatever I do and to pursue my passion.

To all future matrics at Curro, good luck! The year is very busy with work as well as events that make the year remarkable. This can be the best year of your school career (it has been for me), but unfortunately it goes by so quickly. So, *carpe* the heck out of every *diem* and don't waste your time – enjoy every second and work hard from the get-go!



Curro Langebaan 40 days – group photo

Simónn de Kock

Head girl



Wat 'n ongelooflike voorreg en eer om my 10de jaar by Curro af te sluit deur my skool as hoofmeisie te dien. Die jaar was beslis vol uitdagings, maar mnr. Eddie Conradie (ons nuwe hoof), mnr. Brittz, die onderwysers en die 2018-klas het saam alles die moeite werd gemaak! As matriekklas het ons wonderlike oomblikke saam gevier wat ek vir ewig sal koester. Ek het elke oomblik geniet – vanaf die wonderlike Valentynsdans, ons interhuis en interskole, sportdae, swem en atletiek tot by die lekkerste “40 days” wat ons skool nóg gehad het, die “big brag” en my laaste interskole.

Ek wil net dankie sê aan elke onderwyser en leerder wat bygedra het tot een van die lekkerste jare in my skoolloopbaan. Met WhatsApp- en e-posboodskappe gaan die onderwysers van Curro Langebaan elkeen uit hul pad om ons as leerders te ondersteun. Verder kan ek net van blydschap glimlag oor die positiewe verskil wat mnr. Eddie Conradie in so 'n kort tyd gemaak het. Hy sal hierdie skool na nuwe hoogtes lei.

Curro het my beslis geleer om my individualiteit uit te leef en buite die boks te dink. My onderwysers het my geleer om alles te bevraagteken en nie sommer dinge net te aanvaar soos dit is nie. Ek is dankbaar vir die manier waarop Curro my toegerus het om binnekort die grootmenswêreld met selfvertroue aan te pak.

Matriek is beslis nie grappies nie en daarom wil ek vir elke matriekleerder van 2019 baie sterkte toewens vir die rowwe jaar wat voorlê. Goeie tydsbeplanning, maar ook 'n goeie balans tussen akademie, sport, kultuur en sosiaal verkeer, is my raad vir 'n genotvolle matriekjaar. Die tyd vlieg werklik vinnig verby. Leer hard, maar onthou dat skool meer as net akademie is.



Valentine's dance
From left: Danielle Waso, Simónn de Kock, Andrea van Dyk and Bianca Lochner



Annual beach fun day 2018
From left: Danielle Waso, Megan van Zyl, Grace Dewrance, Siyasanga Mtiya, Candice van der Hoogen, Terrance Modise, Gino Davids, Ryan Maynard, Simónn de Kock, Jade Stander and Bianca Lochner



Funky sock day for interschool's spirit



Interhouse swimming gala

Louis du Pisani

Head boy



Curro Mosselbaai is soos 'n familie; 'n groep mense wat te alle tye, tot die beste van hul vermoë, sal prober om hul medemens te laat glimlag. Hierdie skool het van my en my klasmaats lewenslange leerders gemaak. Ons onderwysers het ons deur dik en dun gedra en was altyd bereid om selfs die eenvoudigste werk vir die honderdste keer te verduidelik. Hulle was die steunpilare wat vir ons volharding geleer het – selfs gedurende tye van uiterse moedeloosheid.

Ek wil graag van hierdie geleentheid gebruik maak om 'n paar brokkies raad aan my medeleerders te gee. Vriende, wees vreesloos op jou reis na sukses. Volg jou drome en onthou, 'n Curro-leerder gooi nooit tou op nie! Wanneer dit moeilik raak en jou moed tot in jou skoene sak, dink aan al die onderwysers, vriende en familielede wat jou deur jou hoërskoolloopbaan ondersteun het. Onthou dat die uitstekende gehalte van jou opvoeding heelwat moontlikhede vir jou sal inhou die oomblik wanneer jy by hierdie skool se deure uitstap.

Ons matrieksertifikate is 'n bewys van die uitmuntende akademiese agtergrond wat Curro ons gebied het; tog het Curro ons met soveel meer geseën. Curro het ons belangrike en kosbare lewensvaardighede geleer; lewensvaardighede wat 'n blink toekoms waarborg. Te danke aan Curro is ons vandag ywerige, hardwerkende jong leiers.

Ek is baie dankbaar vir die Curro-familie wat in ons, die Klas van 2018, se sukses belê het – ons sal julle nie teleurstel nie!

Lara van Rooyen

Head girl



The first thing that attracted me, and many other learners, to Curro Mossel Bay was the renowned IEB exams and high academic standard. However, when I arrived at the school for my first day of Grade 8, I discovered that my school experience was going to be about much more than just academics. I was blessed with truly amazing classmates, who built each other up, and teachers who always strived to create a nurturing environment for their learners.

As my fellow Curro matrics and I head down the path to the 'real world', we can rest assured that we have been well prepared for all the trials of adult life. Curro Mossel Bay has truly provided us with all the opportunities we might need to catalyse our personal growth and be moulded into conscientious future citizens.

To the matrics of 2019 and beyond, good luck! It is certainly not an easy year since the decisions about our futures might leave us with a feeling of teetering on the edge of an abyss. However, with all that we have learnt up to this point, we will not fall when we take the leap into adulthood; we will fly.

My high school career has not only prepared me for higher education, but has allowed me to develop into a leader who is able to take initiative, think creatively and, ultimately, leave my mark on the world – the same holds true for many blossoming leaders in the Curro group. After all, the purpose of education is to one day add value to any community in which you find yourself. Curro has certainly provided us with the education we need to do just that.

Curro Mossel Bay



Free hugs
From left: Tonelle Tobi and Bianca Gerber



Never too busy for socialising
From left: Joshua Walton and Keziah Frans



Kind people are my kinda people
From left: Lara van Rooyen, Tonelle Tobi, Chane Gerber and Bianca Gerber



Ready, set ...
Curro Western Cape athletics – 400-metre sprint



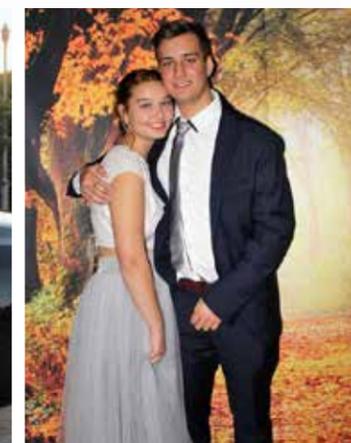
Curro Western Cape athletics
Damien Hyman, controlling gravity



Enjoying break with classmates



Matric dance
Keziah Frans (right) and her partner



Matric dance
Marcel Swart (right) and his partner



Matric dance
From left: Carli du Plessis and her partner



Matric dance
From left: Mihlali Silwana and Chanè Theron



Matric dance
From left: Lara van Rooyen and Damien Hyman



Matric dance
Front, from left: Heike Hoting, Chantè Josephs and Marisa Mottie
Back: Anike Bezuidenhout

Tristan Labuschagne

Head boy



My fellow peers and I in Grade 12 at Curro Mount Richmore are about to be our school's first ever matriculants in the Curro society. Why I refer to Curro as a society, is because at Curro we are our own community.

I joined the Curro community in May 2017. Upon entering the school, I was instantly welcomed with the vibrant warmth and love from the learners and teachers of Curro Mount Richmore. Since then, I have developed a new outlook on school life. Curro Mount Richmore changed my perspective of teachers, classmates, teammates and coaches. I have found that I am not just a learner, or a friend, or a player on a field. I am not just a number, because Curro Mount Richmore moulded my character. My teachers became guardians, my classmates became close friends, and within a short period of time, I was part of a new family. I am a member of the Curro family.

My experience at Curro has shaped my life, in more ways than I can realise. However, something that Curro has taught me that I will always remember, is that you are never alone. The heart and soul of Curro are the people of our school. These people will always be available to walk the extra mile to get you to where you want to be. I will always remember how my Grade 12 teachers at Curro Mount Richmore walked with me side by side every step during my journey of Grade 12. I learnt life lessons from my teachers, now my role models, which I will always carry with me.

Curro taught me how to be the person I am destined to be. Before I came to Curro, I did not consider myself a leader. However, Curro taught me that to be a leader, you do not need to wear a badge on your chest. Instead, Curro taught me that being a leader is about what is in your heart. This simple change of mindset has changed my life for the better. I now know where I want to go in life, and I have the faith which Curro taught me, to believe in myself to pursue my life goals.

Curro Mount Richmore

The advice which I would give to the future matrics at Curro, is to get in line and stay in line. Work hard, study hard, play hard, so that when the final examinations come and your high school career is coming to an end, you will be prepared and you will excel.

I look forward to my life after school. I intend in maintaining a powerful attitude in life. I found this positive ethos at Curro, and I will always remember, cherish and be grateful for my time at Curro.

Always remember – your chances in life may not always be fair. But the chance to do or dare will always be there, so take it. Strive for excellence, never settle for second best. You are important, you matter, you will succeed, just give life everything you have to offer. Because the way you do anything is the way you do everything. At Curro, we do everything the Curro way!



Matric dance: 007
From left: Seth Foster, Allené van Zyl and André de Lange



Matric dance: 007

Rulé van Zyl

Head girl



They say that your school years are some of the best years of your life, but honestly it's all about what you make of it. Everything is about choices: what we do, what we say, how we act and where we go. In the end life revolves about making choices, the right ones placing you on a fast track to success. Fortunately, Curro was one of the best choices for myself and my family, a choice that I believe has not only propelled me into future success, but a choice that put me on a road to making even better choices one day.

It is quite tricky to try to single out the best memories at Curro, or what will stay with me for future years. I am not really sure what I will remember most, because when one gets older, a lot of things do get a little vague! However, one thing that I can say is that I'll certainly remember the quality of education and teachers when I pursue my future career one day. When I'm old and grey, I'm pretty sure I'll still remember where I spent the best years of my life.

Curro has taught me more than just the content one finds in books. It has taught me that life isn't just about myself, but that life is about people, and God's kingdom is about people. I learnt that I am capable of more than I think I am, and that I should strive to be greater than what is expected of me.

JF Kennedy once made a famous statement when he reminded people to not ask your country what it can do for you, but instead what you can do for your country. Often as matrics we might jump to the idea that the school owes us something for getting so far in our career, but instead as matrics we should ask what we can do for our school. To be a leader you have to serve first, and that is my encouragement to all future matrics. There is more reward in serving than in leading. Be the matriculant every Grade 8 aspires to be, lead by example, and not through a title. Kindness and gratitude will get you far in life, don't lose out on an opportunity to be someone great. Most of all, enjoy it, the year goes by in a wink, but the memories will last forever. Don't neglect the last chance you'll have.

Matric dance 2018



Matric learners wore their matric dance outfits on the first day of their 40 days' celebration



Two winners of the raffles
Front, from left: Tauryn Gild, CJ Broodryk and Sameshan Kisten
Back, from left: Tristan Labuschagne, Joshua Warren, David Ngwane, Rulé van Zyl and Simba Yengwa



The day the learners received their matric jackets



For the annual soapbox derby the learners coloured their own shirts for the 'flower power' look

Dihan Putter

Head boy



This school has truly been the door that opened into a corridor of opportunities. Curro Nelspruit, a school built with heart, courage and endurance, is a place where I have found immense support to grow into who I am.

On the sports field I learnt that it's not about size or strength, nor speed or agility, but rather about heart – the Curro heart. In my seven years of playing various sports for my school, I have never experienced one loss. We were beaten, but not once did we lose – that is Curro heart. On stage I learnt that when you give your best, all fear fades and so does all judgement. Always give your everything. Rather let the director ask for less than give too little and lose the part.

In class I learnt that hard work gets you where you need to be – that place is called greatness. I have seen how we surprised and continued to impress the community – always achieving more than expected. I was a witness every time that Curro Nelspruit worked its way on to the map in various fields. We are indeed a force to be reckoned with, not only on the sports field and on the stage – we have a reputation for delivering academic leaders and builders of the future.

So show your Curro heart and give more than what is asked for. Work hard because in this school there is no stopping you. There is no limit to what you can achieve and there is no door that you can't open with Curro. I personally know that, if not for Curro, I would not have achieved what I have today. I could not have received a better education or coaching elsewhere. I look towards my future and see only victory because my school has lifted me high enough to see that view.



From left: Eric Smith, Robyn Wright, Chohane Janse van Rensburg and Lebo Mazibuko



From left: Glory Ngwenya, Nosipho Shiba and Bonke Mathebula



From left: Heinrich Gruber, Josie Millar, Glory Ngwenya, Dihan Putter, Amy Brough and Gareth Lloyd

Glory Ngwenya

Head girl



Fear – fear of failure and rejection. These were the things that flooded my mind when I was about to start high school at Curro Nelspruit. Coming from a small primary school, where my whole Grade 7 class consisted of a mere six learners, the thought of going to a larger school made me feel like a goldfish being thrown in the ocean. However, I have come to realise that I truly had no need to fear.

My experience at Curro Nelspruit has been one of great joy and discovery. From sports tours around the country, to grade camps – including the Fanie Botha Hiking Trail. Curro Nelspruit has exposed me to a variety of destinations and situations which have fostered my emotional and intellectual growth.

At Curro Nelspruit I have had the privilege of being surrounded by extraordinary individuals who have continuously supported me and steered me towards my full potential. This school has helped me identify my strengths and weaknesses in such a way that I could improve these aspects and use them to my own betterment.

I will be eternally grateful to Curro, as this school has not only helped shape who I am, but has become who I am.

To future matrics, trust this school. When schoolwork and pressure seem to lie heavy on your shoulders, just remember that Curro is ready to help you in whatever way they can. Here at Curro you are not just a name or an examination number, but part of a family, the Curro family.



From left: Prince Kgaphola, Daniella Centio, Bonke Mathebula and Sana Jina



From left: Glory Ngwenya, Talia Wiid and Josie Millar

Derik Heyl

Head boy



'Hier waar die son se goue strale speel oor die Roodeplaat se dam. Tussen voëlgesang en bosveldbome, leer en werk ons so hard ons kan.'

It is true what our school song says, at Curro Roodeplaat we work as hard as we can – 2018 is now almost over, which is quite terrifying!

I would like to thank Mr Niemand because we are so proud of this new school. It's great to walk into a brand-new building with all these glorious facilities, but even though it is a new building, it is still the same school. We have the same learners, teachers and spirit of Curro Roodeplaat.

I would also like to thank Mr Van Wyk who joined us late in 2017 and brought unity to the school. He promised to be fair to us, but said that we also need to be fair to our peers and teachers. This is probably one of the most valuable lessons I have learnt at Curro Roodeplaat in my five years – you have to treat others like you want to be treated.

Curro Roodeplaat has grown a lot over the past few years and we are heading to new heights with our sports and culture activities and, of course, academics.

It's great to see everyone taking part in the new traditions we instilled in the school. It's fabulous to see the positive spirit among my fellow learners. There are more and more learners participating in all the activities.

The people who attended the official opening on our first school day of 2018 will testify that it was a once in a lifetime experience. Being the first head boy of the new school is something that I will always cherish.

Days like career day and sports days will surely leave a smile on every person's face. These days are more than just social occasions, but days where we stand together and embrace our fellow learners. The spirit in our school has evolved to what it is today and it has brought us together as a family.

Finding yourself in new surroundings is the best way to find yourself.

Chantal van Rooyen

Head girl



'n Roodie help 'n Roodie.' These are the words one of our teachers, Mr Dirk Steenkamp, used back in 2014 to describe our school. This hit me right in the heart later on because it was truly something that I experienced in our school on a daily basis.

With my journey at Curro Roodeplaat coming to an end, I can proudly say that these words are what I will remember from my school. I will remember the times when you ask teachers to just quickly help you with something and it ends up taking a lot longer, but they never complain. I will remember how we, as a class, would be in cahoots to very subtly distract the teacher for a whole period; just so that she wouldn't check our homework. Rest assured, this is about the extent to which kids at our school are 'bad'. People at our school, be it teachers or learners, are always there and willing to lend a helping hand wherever necessary.

What this school has taught me is also the message I would like to pass on to future matrics. At the end of the year (especially in matric) your worth is not defined by the numbers on that report card, no matter what anyone says. You are the person who stayed up until 04:00 in the morning for the third night in a row to try and finish the project you've been working on for months – not caring how much you'll receive for it; just trying your best. You are the person who had a mountain of work due for the next day, but still supported your friend who went through a personal crisis. You are the person who said no to an invitation to a party because you wanted to work or study. This is what will get you somewhere in life. Those personal traits that come out in you at the worst of times, is what your teachers and friends notice and what makes them love you.

Thank you, Curro Roodeplaat for being my family and home for the past five years. You have greatly contributed to the person I am today and for that you will always have a special place in my heart.

Curro Roodeplaat



Career day
From left: Anri Grobler, Abigail Strachan, Heidi Biehler, Khanyisile Thobane, Zama Mkhize, Kayla Bolleurs, Saskia van Vreden, Nomfundo Ngwenya, Marthiné van der Walt, Rhandzu Shilubane, Monya du Plessis, Paballo Kubai and Melinda Opperman



Top achievers
From left: Abigail Strachan, Heidi Biehler, Masana Hlomane, Kayla Bolleurs and Melinda Opperman



In the science lab
From left: Andries van Straten, Heidi Biehler, Saskia van Vreden and Derik Heyl



At school
From left: Abigail Strachan, Rhandzu Shilubane, Nomfundo Ngwenya and Pabalo Kubai



Valentine's Day
From left: Heidi Biehler, Anri Grobler, Saskia van Vreden, Kayla Bolleurs and Nicole Kempen



Matric dance 2018
Head boy and deputy head boy
From left: Sihle Basheng (deputy head boy) and Derik Heyl (head boy)



Interhouse cheerleaders
From left: Heidi Biehler, Saskia van Vreden, Anri Grobler, Kayla Bolleurs and Nicole Kempen



Grade 12 hockey players
From left: Luka Ferreira, Lohan Heyl, Christo Pretorius (teacher), Derik Heyl and Andries van Straten

Thristan Dahl

Head boy

Curro has been my school, as much as it has been my life. It may sound like a cliché, but I have found the person who I am and who I will be for the rest of my life through my three years at Curro.

My most iconic memories at Curro would have to be the countless hours I have spent laughing until I cried with the friends I made over the years, being welcomed with open arms by passionate and motivated teachers. One man I will never forget is my Grade 10 and 11 English teacher, Mr Hubbard. His bluntness, enthusiasm and ability to even make me interested in a lesson, motivated me to consider teaching English as a career for myself.

Curro has taught me to appreciate the things that I have and could possibly take for granted. Coming from a much smaller school, Curro was a pleasant and eye-opening surprise. Multiple sports fields, clean bathrooms and plenty of space. It brought me to the realisation that anything can be achieved if you put your mind to it, just as becoming a head prefect.

If I was to ever give advice, this would be the piece that I pray someone takes to heart. For future matrics, I advise you to enjoy the time you have. Do not hesitate to go out with friends and make memories. These are the things that you look back on and smile at, not spending your days confined to a room studying for Physics. But hand your stuff in on time, that's important too.

As I said in my canvassing speech for head boy: Curro, its people and my friends have changed who I am today, and who I will be for the rest of my life.



Matric group



Pit production



First hockey team
League match vs Springs Boys High
Front, from left: Jonathan Dreyer (goalkeeper), Karabo Ramakateng, Matthew Swanepoel, Adam Dickinson, Thokozani Sangweni and Timothy Nyamende
Back, from left: Yipson Chen, Gareth Grant, Keanan Mouton, Rudi Buhrlen (captain), Marnus van der Walt, Dylan Mostert, Josh Brown and Bryan Sargent (coach)

Suné Myburgh

Head girl



I started my journey at Curro Serengeti as a shy Afrikaans-speaking girl. Looking back at my choice to join the Curro family, I have no regrets. Curro has shaped me into the strong and independent woman I am today. Having the opportunity of being head girl of Curro Serengeti has taught me the importance of my influence on the people around me. This has kept me focused on being patient and kind in most situations that I have encountered. I will always be grateful for the skills I have acquired over the past few years; skills that will last a lifetime.

My advice to the future matrics of Curro is summed up by a quote from Logan Paul: 'Life is not short; you just have to do more!' By doing more, you will achieve the greatness that is destined for your life.

I will always be grateful for the experiences and opportunities Curro has given me.



First soccer team
Front, from left: Thokozani Sangweni, Matime Phasha, James Rachekeu (captain), Benedict Nasegani, Luthi Saul, Tokelo Mabalane and Aobokwe Colone
Back, from left: Kamogelo Nkuna (coach), Dawid Nharara, Nsizwa Khumalo, Keanan Bester, Thato Nwamadi, Nathan Municha, Dakalo Mukhithi and Joshua Digkale

Obakeng Seleka

It has been a long and heartfelt journey, but this journey, like all things, is about to come to an end. We have worked our way to the top of the high school food chain and through this, made a lot of memories and learnt a lot of life-changing lessons. No words can truly convey my experience here at Curro Thatchfield.

I have not been at Curro for very long, but in just a few years Curro Thatchfield has given me a better high school experience than I could have ever asked for. From my first day, I was immediately welcomed and introduced into the Curro family. Upon my arrival, I immediately felt a sense of belonging. This is just one of the many things that I will remember about the school. I immediately fit in here, not once did I feel like I do not belong. I believe that is something rare, because high school can be a very dreadful place sometimes.

My years here at Curro Thatchfield have taught me that I have a lot of potential. There's purpose behind potential and ultimately not using my potential means that I am not fulfilling my purpose. One aspect of my potential that this school has taught is my potential to lead. Being president of the SRC has made me realise that I am a leader, and that I should not shy away from leading others, from guiding them and empowering them. Not only did the school allow me to realise and maximise my potential, it also provided me with the opportunity to lead. As J Donald Walters once said, 'Leadership is an opportunity to serve. It is not a trumpet call to self-importance.' – this is a quote I have chosen to live by, from the moment I set foot at Curro Thatchfield.

My advice to the future matriculants of Curro is that change is both inevitable and beneficial. Throughout high school a learner undergoes many changes, but it is in a learner's final year that he/she experiences the most change. This is where learners are prepared for yet another, more arduous and even more daunting chapter of their lives. Learning to accept change, will forever help and guide them not only through matric but throughout their lives, especially with the ever-fluctuating demands of matric and society in general. Matric is very demanding and it will require many of them to adapt to the changing demands in terms of schoolwork, extramural activities and the roles of being members of the student representative council.

Curro has helped shape me into the person I am today, and I will perpetually hold the lessons and memories that I have gained as I enter a new chapter of my life. I am truly honoured to share my experience and to offer my advice to the future matriculants!

SRC President



Pit production (Afrikaans FAL)



Lady in red
From left: Obakeng Seleka and Ontshiametse Sedingwe



On the red carpet
Andile Nogaya (right) and her partner



Under the moonlight
Gontse Motsepe (left) and her partner



Matric dance



Farewell speech
From left: Obakeng Seleka and Vuyelwa Mthombeni



Fun in the sun
From left: Jessica Kekana and Tebatso Moyo



Showcase

Sonke Tshidiso Vusumuzi Mavuma

Education is the 'root' to all success. The more developed your root system, the taller your tree of success can grow.

The significance of education – it is a guide through life. From the time of infancy you undergo an ongoing process of learning. You are taught how to walk, to express yourself in terms of speech and how to consume food, etc. The mind is always working, and processing thought and emotion. Due to the fact that the brain constantly interacts with your surroundings, you are always learning (from your environment).

It is only those who value education who are successful. In whatever it may be – sport, performing arts or music. The ones who realise that education is a vital aspect of everything. I am proud to declare that I found the significance of education right here at Curro Academy Mahikeng!

Despite being awarded multiple certificates for academic excellence and medals of athletic participation, I consider my greatest achievement thus far to be realising my potential and channeling it. This would not have been possible had I not come to this academic institution.

Friends, family and teachers recognised the tremendous transformation I have undergone in my short time at this school. I am proud to define myself as a respectable young role model, and I owe the greatest part of it to my time here. From the boy who couldn't motivate himself, to an inspiration to others. It is why I am always willing to represent my school and raise its flag – it has given me identity, it has helped me to realise my goals and shape up my act.

Not only have I managed to sharpen my intellect, but I have also improved my social skills and familiarised myself with a variety of different people with different backgrounds, from whom I am constantly learning. My time at this school has opened my eyes to new possibilities and I now see life from a different perspective. I have not been here as long as some of the learners who experienced Curro Mahikeng right from its humble beginnings, but I have been here long enough to notice how it changed me.

I enjoy my school life. My friends and classmates represent an element I like about the school. It is fairly easy to socialise, the atmosphere is inviting. The people make waking up every morning less difficult. The variety of personalities makes life more interesting with every day, including the teachers! I think this is what I will remember the most, the people. It is very uplifting to be among such pleasant individuals.

Of course, I will never forget what this school has done for me. Curro has helped and seen me blossom; come out of my cocoon. I have gained more than I could have ever expected. This has been a milestone and a turning point in my life. I leave here with more than I came with. I leave here with a reputation, dignity and most importantly, an identity. There's nothing more significant in your life than finding yourself.

I urge current and future learners and matriculants to take their education seriously. To take their lives, future and careers seriously. Use your school life as a learning curve and leave with pride and joy.

It was with great pleasure that I wrote this letter. A token of my appreciation. I express my earnest gratitude to this propitious institution.



Head boy



Valediction service
Front, from left: Durandt van der Merwe (teacher), Tlhalefo Legodi, Leano Lephalo, Sonke Mavuma, Tshiamo Sekoboane, Onalenna Dipale, Rethabile Molefe, Tsholofelo Maboe, Lesedi Mooki, Ofile Moepedi, Mikael Legoai and Kegomoditswe Thakadi (teacher)
Back, from left: Olebogeng Ramaboa and Atlegang Mpa



Winter school 2018
From left: Tokelo Selogelo and Mikael Legoai



From left: Sonke Mavuma and Leano Lephalo



Autumn school 2018
From left: Tumisang Leepile, Kabo Mochware, Atlegang Mpa, Wilna Store (Head of High School) and Aobakwe Hoti



Prize-giving
Front, from left: Sonke Mavuma, Onalenna Dipale, Pelani Mufambi (teacher), Didintle Moshageng and Didintle Mokoto
Back, from left: Kgosietsile Lerefolo and Lesedi Mooki

*Thank you to
Curro Academy Mahikeng!*

Devineyto Samuels

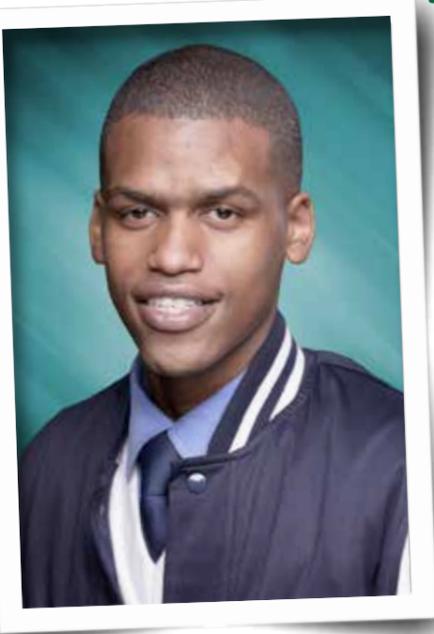
Head boy

At Curro Academy Pretoria we were allowed input in school activities, for example the matric dance. Our voices and inputs have been valued here; making a difference in our lives and will surely make a difference in the lives of future learners of Curro Academy Pretoria. We quickly realised that we need to focus on learning. Time during this final year flies and there is little time for play.

I would like to thank my teachers who helped us with Mathematical Literacy. They never gave up on us. We will miss the extra Saturday classes because they were very helpful and gave us enough time for revision.

We also had a lot of fun with Teacher Charity, she is a very open person who has been helpful in everything. She was like a mother to most of us; helping us both academically and personally. Teacher Siziba helped us a lot with Business Studies. She also called in someone from outside to help with our work. It helped to hear the same thing from a different person and from a different perspective.

My message to future matric learners – your current Grade 11 marks are important because these are the marks that you will use to apply at various institutions. Learn how to manage time; the one minute it's January and the next it will be November!



Kayleigh Alkant

We are grateful for having been involved in the school and its happenings. The head of high school really made us feel important. Our first Valentine's Day was very interesting because it was something we had never experienced before. We also had a lot of excursions that benefited us academically.

Our teachers prioritised our academics, sport and well-being and this is one of the things that I will miss most. We had an upgrade of the uniform, which we as matric learners had an input in. We appreciate all the positive changes that the head of high school made – all to our benefit.

One of the things that we take pride in, is the speech festival. A lot of Curro Academy Pretoria learners won great prizes. I will miss the sport in the school, particularly netball as this is something that I am good at.

During my years here, I learnt that we all need each other and that teamwork makes things easier. When we started the year there was a bit of scepticism, but eventually we became one big family. I will miss my student teachers; they brought a lot of knowledge and helped us to understand what to expect come next year, in the real world.

My message to future matric learners – put a lot of work into academics, from day one, but also do not forget to take the time to breathe. Remember, next year you will be the big boys and girls of the school and you need to lead by example. Trust this school. When schoolwork and pressure seem to lie heavy on your shoulders, just remember that Curro is ready to help you in whatever way they can. Here you are not just a name or an examination number, but part of a family – the Curro family.



Head girl

Curro Academy Pretoria



Checking in after an exam From left: Kgopotso Moabelo, Lesedi Sebotje, Keabetswe Monama, Mbali-Entle Dlula, Elizabeth Tlade, Thapelo Lamola, Tasneem Rasool and Kayleigh Creighton



Matrics brainstorming in preparation for exams



Lloyd Musanhu (teacher) assisting learners in his Mathematics revision class



Tackling Mathematics revision From left: Jerry Mabena and Lindelwa Sithole



From left: Jerry Mabena, Daisy Kapfumvuti (Grade 12 Physical Sciences teacher) and Tsakane Gravel

Ontiretse Motaung

Head girl



Curro Academy has taught me a Christian value system coupled with knowledge of self-worth and a sense of tradition and history. I have realised my ability to see potential in the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social areas. The school provided me with safe grounds, modern facilities and a disciplined yet stimulating learning environment.

Curro Academy Soshanguve has Christian values where Christian principals and habits are applied. My excellent effectively trained and dedicated teachers instilled all that I have learned and know. Not only that, they also instilled confidence in myself that I never knew of. They encouraged me to do better with everything and I did, be it academically or in life in general.

Becoming the head girl of the school was by far the greatest achievement of my high school career. I was not only excited about this new experience, but honoured as well as thankful for the opportunity. It made me realise that one can achieve anything and beyond, when you put your mind to it. I gained an awareness of knowledge and was able to understand how to apply this knowledge appropriately.

To future matrics; the road won't be easy at all, but this shouldn't discourage you, because all that hard work is worth enjoying the rewards afterwards. Matric makes up for all your school years. It is the final lap and it is up to you to make it to the finish line, with outstanding results that will make you proud. Your circle should want to see you win. Your circle should clap loudly when you have good news. Put God above all things, keep your head up and always know that God has a plan for your life. His plan are greater than our dreams! Pray, work hard, work smart because you owe it to yourself. The future you is depending on you!



Ontiretse Motaung

Head boy



All smiles ...
From left: Mohau Mangaba and Prince Malebye



Fun in the sun
From left: Modimonalenna Makena and Ofentse Mokoena



Say cheese
From left: Modimonalenna Makena and Lethabo Sehube



Matric dance
From left: Nkateko Tibane and Lesedi Tladi



Matric dance
From left: Cuvenga Ludaka and Kimberley Malope



Matric dance
From left: Tshepiso Tladi and Keamogetswe Maponya



Matric dance
From left: Charles Kgoale and Ofentse Mokoena



Matric dance
From left: Lerato Monyebodi and Ontiretse Motoang



Matric dance
The Class of 2018 enjoying a good time.



Matric dance
From left: Thato Mosiatata, Tshimulogo Makhinta, Oratile Mosiatata and Koketso Maboka



Matric dance
From left: Vanessa Mokoena, Tebogo Rathebe and Bonolo Motsisi

Mahlatshe Mamphekgo



Head boy

The first time we walked through the Meridian Cosmo City school gates in 2015, we didn't know we would make fond memories that will be plastered in our minds for the rest of our lives. The values and morals upon which the school was built will forever be etched on our hearts.

True to its commitment, the school has lived up to its billing of providing academic excellence to all and sundry.

The years of laughter made the workload easier to bear. The value of X is much easier to solve when you have classmates and a pool of dedicated teachers as we have. The memories we shared with friends, the hearty discussions and the experiences made everything worthwhile.

Being at Curro, we have learnt selflessness, patience, time management and that all good things must come to an end. The end is inevitable. However, for us the academic journey is only beginning.

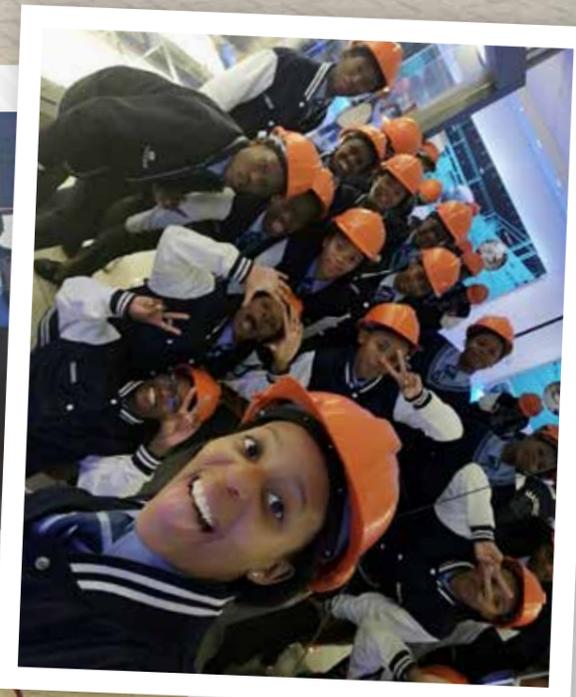
To the next matriculants, take some advice from those who have walked the journey you are about to embark on. Working smart pays off. There is a time and place for everything. Prioritise so that the path you take will bring you the results that you will be proud of. The path is clearly mapped out for you, embrace what is good. There shall come a time when we look back with a sense of nostalgia because this has been a home away from home. After all, they say your high school days are the best days of your life.



Proud matrics of 2018



Excursion to the Cradle of Humankind



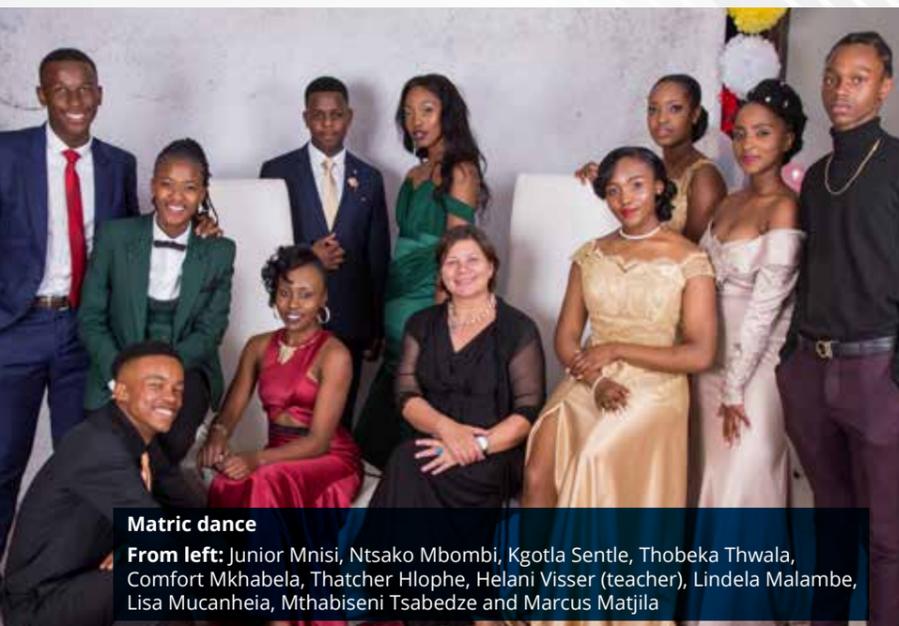
Excursion to the Cradle of Humankind



Representing the '1' and '8' of 2018

Sibusisiwe Moyo Head girl





Blood drive (SANBS)
Ntsako Mbombi – donating blood during a blood drive at the school

Matric dance

From left: Junior Mnisi, Ntsako Mbombi, Kgotla Sentle, Thobeka Thwala, Comfort Mkhabela, Thatcher Hlophe, Helani Visser (teacher), Lindela Malambe, Lisa Mucanheia, Mthabiseni Tsabedze and Marcus Matjila

Head boy



Kgotla Sentle

Hi! I'm Kgotla Sentle, the guy who oversees the other kids in Meridian Karino. Just kidding. When I first set foot in Meridian Karino I felt more at home, didn't feel like an outsider. I was the new kid on the block, city, province, country, you name it – but they made me feel like I've been here since forever! I've met charming souls during my three-year chapter in Meridian Karino. I encountered perfect imperfections, whether it's during sporting events, social events or break time; there was more chemistry than biology and that leaves room for reaction!

My three years here felt like a prelude to my life's song. But it taught me how to handle certain situations, taught me more about empathy, unity in diversity, bringing people together to tackle problems in our immediate surroundings – and the fun of having fun. Honestly, since I was a young boy I've always had a Brobdingnagian love for music, but I never knew how to harness it. While engaging with other musicians, we speak the same language, and I finally understood my purpose after school ...

To be somebody great! We all serve a purpose to a higher nature and through a higher nature and faith we are able to break through to achieve our life-long dreams.

To all the future matriculants, I urge you to push through the hard times and any academic problem you may face in school because you are, and will always be, the future. The more difficult the victory, the greater the happiness in winning. We're winners, but there's a catch to it. For you to succeed, you have to feel the pain of failure. Failure is part of the process, so don't be afraid to get lost once in a while. Sometimes you have to lose yourself to find yourself and once you've hit rock bottom you only have one way to go ... up!

Don't let anything bring you down. Shine! Hope you find your melody in life.

Lisa Mucanheia Head girl

As we close another chapter of our lives, we take time to reflect on the moments that inked each page – moments that will soon become memories. The awesome thing about this is that we can always turn a few pages backwards and reminisce about the special occasions that are carved on our hearts.

During the few years I have experienced at Meridian Karino, I have learnt that hospitality, kindness and compassion are key concepts to make one feel at home. Meridian Karino also taught me the importance of preserving my own values and morals, regardless of the idealised standards of today's society. That is why I am proud to carry the Meridian blood in my veins.

The advice that I want to share with future matriculants, accept the fact that we do not have the power to control every situation and make the most out of every precious moment.

Khulumani shoe drive

Ntsako Mbombi (left) and Lindela Malambe (right) holding the poster of the shoe drive that was conducted for Mandela Day. The shoes were donated to Khulumani Primary in Ngodini



Matric jackets

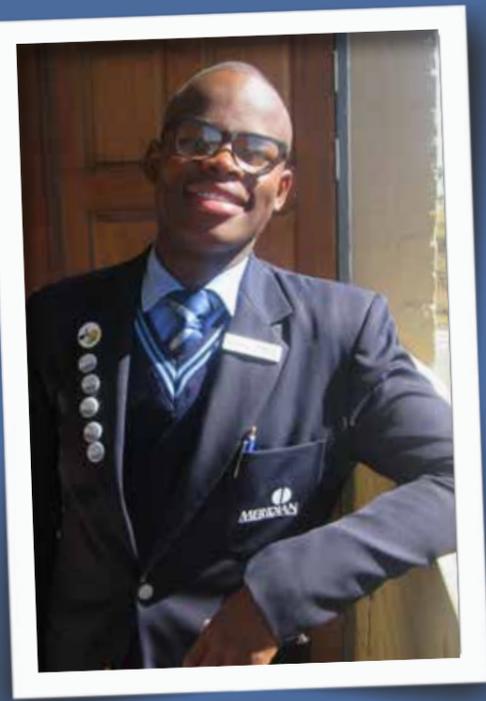
From left: Lindela Malambe, Fortune Nkambule, Pretty Rabothata, Refilwe Nkosi, Bonisiwe Shongwe, Thatcher Hlophe, Mthabiseni Tsabedze, Ofentse Maseko, Yundi Mutevuie, Ntsako Mbombi, Ayanda Dlamini, Lebogang Mashego and Nothando Sibiyi



Leaders – 2018

From left: Thatcher Hlophe, Kgotla Sentle, Ntsako Mbombi, Thobeka Thwala, Comfort Mkhabela, Thapelo Matsane, Marcus Matjila, Lindela Malambe, Junior Mnisi, Mthabiseni Tsabedze, Andelo Macanja and Lisa Mucanheia

Sandakahle Motaung Head boy



I will forever cherish the fact that my school is a very diverse environment and provides for learners from all walks of life. I will forever cherish the wonderful staff (teachers, cleaners and security guards) who are very communicative and encouraging towards the learners, especially the matrics. I will also forever cherish the time where we went on a camp in Grade 11. We came back with better understanding of leadership, creative thinking and teamwork in general.

Curro has taught me a lot that I did not know about myself. Not many head prefects are appreciated by their schools publicly and Curro is doing just that. It has taught me that I do indeed have potential to shine in the future as a fine leader. It has also made me realise that I am able to take opportunities as they arise and make good use of them. In the future I will be doing just that!

To the matrics of next year and beyond, play your cards right!



Hlengiwe Nhlapo Head girl



It has been nothing but a privilege to get the opportunity to attend my high school years in an institution of such a high calibre.

What will I remember most about my experience at Curro? Curro's effort and vision to develop learners in different aspects of life. Curro does not only focus on developing learners academically, but tries to cultivate learners' talents in different sporting codes by recognising and awarding those who do well in sports.

Curro has also taught me that I can achieve more than I ever thought I could achieve. Curro has taught me that it is not on the basis of your background and personal circumstances that you become the best, but through hard work, determination and undivided attention. For that I am very grateful.

I would advise future matrics to revisit and reinterpret the vision and mission of Curro vividly and make it their own. This will make it possible for them to participate actively in making sure that the pursuit of excellence is escalated to the lower grades. Learners have a very critical role to play to preserve what has been achieved and to introduce new ideas.

My gain from Curro will never equal my contribution to the school and Curro. I thank you.



Matric dance

From left: Asanda Zulu, Nosipho Nari, Lethukthula Moloi, Noxolo Mfeka, Sonwabo Mbangula, Ntokozi Mabaso, Hlengiwe Nhlapho, Owami Mazibuko, Sibusiso Shabalala, Keith Mdlhuli and Mantombi Hlatshwayo

Matric dance 2018



Giving us their best smiles

From left: Mantombi Hlatshwayo, Nosipho Nari, Kholeka Nsele and Noxolo Mfeka



Grade 12 learners singing in celebration of the unveiling of the matric countdown board and dedication prayer for the matric examination



Class of 2018 and Grade 12 teachers



Class of 2018: jersey ceremony



Matric day



Matric hockey girls



M Factor
Kristen Jacobs and Stefani Bochnakov



Curro Create selection
From left:
Shannon Cairns,
Luise Etzebeth
(teacher) and
Nicholas Job



Matric fun



**Tukela
Mtshagi**

Matric council
deputy head



**Kristen
Jacobs**

Matric council
head leader

I have been a learner at Meridian Pinehurst from Grade 8 and I can say that it has been a wild ride. Meridian has taught me a lot of lessons. It has provided me with great advice and fun stories to tell.

Being at Meridian since the beginning of my high school career has allowed me to see it grow from something small into something great. I cannot wait to see what it will become. I think what I will remember most about Meridian Pinehurst is the kind staff and learners. We have experienced so much and the memories we share will forever stay with me.

Meridian taught me that it is okay to do things on my own, to be independent. Ironically, it also taught me about the importance of having others in my life and that a team is like a family and no child is left behind. It also taught me to learn from my mistakes. If something does not go your way and you fall down, just get up, dust yourself off and keep going. I learned how to work hard. Most importantly, I learned to be confident in myself and my actions, without fear of judgement.

If I had to give advice to the Class of 2019, I would say: take it easy. It is going to be hard work and it is going to feel like there is a lot on your shoulders, but just breathe, focus and keep going.

I remember the first time I walked into the school in 2014. I had never seen such a beautiful school in my life. I was so excited that I was accepted here. I made new friends and the learners who were already in the school also welcomed me. Kristen Jacobs was one of the first people who introduced herself to me. It was the first day, yet it felt like I had been in the school since it started in 2013.

I will always remember the first day of matric. My father told me that I was the only child of his who made it this far in education.

I will also always remember the caring teachers and facilities staff members of my home, Meridian Pinehurst.

Meridian has taught me that I can be myself without the fear of being labelled due to my circumstances. Meridian has taught me that I have no intellectual limits and that I can believe in what I want to, without the fear of being judged. Meridian Pinehurst has shown me who I truly am as a leader and a friend to my peers and the school.

My greatest advice to you is, keep your head down. Not every action demands a reaction, you do not have to respond to situations that will not harm you now or in the future. Stay focused and make short-term goals you would like to achieve in your matric year. Be assertive and make decisions that benefit you and your future. Make sure you enjoy your last year and every great chance that you receive. Lastly, make sure that you love yourself and stay open-minded at all times.

Tshiamo Maleka

Head boy

It has been a great honour and privilege to serve as head boy of Meridian Rustenburg. I have committed myself into cultivating a culture of excellence and it is an ideal which I hope the future leaders of this school will strive to live for.

I have been at Meridian Rustenburg for thirteen years and this journey has been an exciting one. Being a part of the Curro group has indeed moulded me into a potential future leader. Over the years I have learnt that Curro has much more to offer other than academic success. Curro also provides an opportunity for each one of us to grow as an individual, depending on our strengths. With the help of its amazing teachers, who turn our potential into characters of excellence, we can confidently say that we are ready for the future.

In my role as head boy I have encountered learners who have been given the platform to launch themselves into greatness by Curro. I want all the learners at Curro to know that they will not be judged by one moment in their lives. Instead they will be reminded of the person they can become.

I will forever be grateful to Curro for what they have done. They have changed the way we see education and moulded it to be in line with the 21st century which heavily revolves around technology. There is indeed room for technology in education.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to everybody in this lovely school who have made it possible for the matrics of 2018 to be optimistic about the future and what it holds for us. We will never forget you and will be forever indebted to you. Thank you, Curro! As a farewell I will leave you with this Ubuntu line: 'I am because you are.'



Meridian Rustenburg



The Business Studies group together with the Head of High School, Pinky Mosito



Grade 12s enjoying the sun
From left: Bokale Mosenene, Lerato Lethoko, Odirile Mabovu, Onnalenna Gasebone, Khensani Mabuza, Kealeboga Kekana and Keitumetse Mathope



Grade 12s having fun
From left: Lerato Lethoko, Kealeboga Kekana, Keitumetse Mathope and Onalenna Gasebone

Lerato Lethoko

Head girl



My time at Curro has been fantastic and I will never forget the experience. I will always remember Curro for the way they interact with the learners to improve anything that involves our school work and sports and cultural activities. No matter what, Curro will always treat you like gold. They always prepare you for what's ahead of you and I will always cherish that. They have been polishing me for all these years and now the final product is ready for the real world! I will never forget my experiences at Curro.

Curro has taught me to be very confident about myself because if I am not, who will be? This has made me a bigger person with a bag full of confidence. I have also learnt that working hard will definitely take you places and I will always keep that at the back of my mind. The most important characteristic is to always stay positive despite difficult situations, because it is very easy to solve the matter when you have a positive mindset. Keep a smile on your face no matter how rough your day is and being honest is key, because honesty makes everything run smoothly.

My message to our future matriculants at Curro, always be yourself during every tough patch of your last year of high school. Know how to handle the pressure by talking to your teachers and listening to the advice they share with you. Hang on! You will not get enough sleep, but it will be worth it. You can make friends, but make your books your best friends because they are the key to your future.



A beautiful couple
From left: Karabo Motsepe and Thato Phuduhudu



Dazzling in their dresses
From left: Unathi Mothusi, Lerato Lethoko, Agisanang Motthamme, Katlego du Toit and Kealeboga Kekana



Matrics during an excursion to the OR Tambo International Airport earlier this year

David Sathekge Head boy

I remember being rattled on my first day of high school because it seemed like a mini-university of over 3000 learners. Everyone looked the same; nothing out of the ordinary. I just saw what seemed like clueless kids doing the same things – trying to fit in and afraid of being too different. At first I thought this was quite boring and then it hit me, the best way to stand out is by just being yourself – the real you. I know this gets said very often, but it's true.

Over the years at Northern Academy, I've encountered many learners who were afraid of doing what they liked or wanted because it could be seen as 'not normal', 'too nerdy' or 'too flamboyant'. I've realised that you shouldn't limit your actions or interests based on what your peers perceive as normal or socially acceptable.

The road to success is long and difficult and in the end it will be you and you alone. So, run your own race, take it in your stride and be yourself – you might even be someone's inspiration. Choose to be uncommon; it's your right.

What matters most is to never lose sight of the bigger picture – to leave high school 'unbowed, unbent and unbroken' (as they say in *Game of Thrones*). Work as hard as you can because Grade 12 is hungry and waiting to devour you! Make some great memories to look back on and just smile. Northern Academy has been my place of intellectual freedom and fun and my second home.

Karishma George Head girl

When I was given the question, 'what is one event you would like to change in the past?', my mind flashed back to my first day of high school at Northern Academy. Like any other child faced with the prospect of change, I was reluctant to accept the transition into a new school. In hindsight, I wish I could confront 'past me' and tell her that the next five years would contain her most cherished memories.

One of the facets I deeply appreciate about Northern Academy, is the sense of perpetual unity among the learners. Despite being a big school, we always found ways to bond – either through work or friendships. Being at this school has taught me that all achievements are greater when you achieve it as a unit rather than an individual.

I have always valued hard work and perseverance and being at this school magnified the importance of such stalls in my life. My school experience at Northern Academy has allowed me to strengthen my character and develop into someone I am proud to have become. Finally, the school's need to educationally advance us has strengthened my thirst for knowledge and I would like to show appreciation for the teachers and learners who have rooted this need to learn within me.

I would like to end this wondrous journey with a reminder: the thought of getting through the final stage of your school career may seem daunting, but you should remember you have prepared for most of your life to finally reach this grade. While this may seem nerve-racking, do not let it falter your notions of success. Grade 12 should not be a flag signifying the end of an era, but rather a signal to the world that you are coming to take it by storm.

Spend your time being the best person you can be in all aspects of your life. Follow your passions and do not let the pressure overwhelm you. This is merely a disguise worn by a signal for a prosperous future.

I wish all the future Grade 12s success in their endeavours.



Merit awards 2018
Francis Malele proudly singing the school anthem



Cross-country race, 32 km – endurance team
From left: Thuso Moshapo, Testmony Sebola, Kgabedi Mambolo, Kenny Ramgwele, Letlotlo Mohubedu and Tetelo Molokomme



Matric dance – red carpet walk
From left: Octavia Makhubela and Seluka Masekona



Problem-solving at the leadership skills development camp



Grade 12 netball players selected for the regional team
From left: Nthabiseng Motau, Melanie du Plessis (teacher) and Elizabeth Maseta

Ricardo Santana Lopo

Head boy

Apart from remembering the helping teachers, amazing facilities and extramural fun, I think I will remember my grade the most. These are the people who stuck by me in the hard times and who celebrated with me in the wonderful moments. I will always cherish the opportunity I had to lead my beautiful school and will take those experiences and skills with me throughout my life.

Curro has taught me that family is important and that a family is not only at home, but can be an entire school – this is what I experienced.

My advice to future matrics is to make sure that, throughout the studies and the pressure, you always create time for fun. Go out with your friends, take a break and soak up every last bit of school that you can because, from what I hear, life doesn't get easier.



Grade 12s at the Grahamstown festival with Shannon Browne (teacher) and Christiaan van Zyl (teacher)

Sindisiwe Sithokozile Nkosi

I have been in Grantleigh for the past 11 years and this school has been growing every year. The teachers, friends and Grantleigh community have played a vital role in my life. Curro has improved the facilities, allowing every learner to grow and get a better education. This is important because they have taught us how to adapt to the change of the 21st century, which many schools do not do.

I am definitely going to miss being a part of a sports team that is loving, caring and mostly wins. I will also miss having main roles in various plays and performing in front of mass crowds in the marimba band. I am going to miss the Monday morning worship, which always lifted my spirit for the week.

Grantleigh taught me to believe in myself and to bloom where I am planted. I have become a woman with great integrity who grabs opportunities, thanks to the Grantleigh family. My election as the head girl of the school and the head of the girls' hostel taught me how to be selfless, a good team player and a leader with a good heart.

During my matric year I learnt a very important lesson – time wasted can never be gained again. I learnt to live in the moment and make the best of every day because before you know, it is over.

I advise the matric class of 2019 to make the best of the time they have and, most importantly, to embrace their OWN talent.



Head girl



Head prefects
From left: JJ Venter (deputy head boy), Ricardo Lopo (head boy), Sindi Nkosi (head girl) and Erin Stevens (deputy head girl)



Matric dance 2018

Matric dance – looking very suave
From left: Joshua Govender, Reevin Hermann and Matthew Reed



Oldest postbox



College interhouse gala 2018
From left: Aaron Harvey, Jaydene Hattingh, Jenna Geach, Sindi Nkosi, Marja Harmse, Chirag Jeebodh and Kutloano Poee



Matric dance: Mexican fiesta
From left: Kimaya Pather, Joshua Hooper, Jenna Geach and Ricardo Lopo

Matthew Wu

Curro is an organisation that is able to bring and give opportunities to learners. After our school was bought by Curro, there have been many improvements. An AstroTurf hockey field was built at our school, which is giving our learners the opportunity to develop their skills even more and allowing us to compete with top-tier schools. Singapore Maths was also introduced to the syllabus in foundation phase, which exposed learners to an education based on an international level.

Curro has taught me to fight for what is right and speak up about things that are not being done in the correct manner.

My advice to future matrics is to make an impact on other learners' lives. Set a good example to those who look up to you. You do not need to be perfect and live a perfect life – which is usually expected from you. You just need to live a life where learners look up to you and want to follow in your footsteps. By being a good example, you are raising future leaders for our country and the world.

Head boy



Being an inspiring success story that motivates my community and fellow learners was, and still is, one of my greatest dreams in life. In 2011 I became part of the St Dominics Newcastle family where I saw a whole different side to school. All of a sudden school became fun! When Curro offered me a scholarship in 2014, it opened a new world of endless opportunities for me.

The thing I will remember most about my Curro experience is the fact that Curro Create allowed me, and other learners, to express myself through means of art, poetry, literature and performance. Curro allowed our hockey players to play in style with our very own AstroTurf, which allows us to carry pride within ourselves for our school. Curro improved St Dominics Newcastle so much, that we can now proudly say we have facilities that allow us to freely express ourselves and grow as individuals.

Curro taught me that the world is full of endless possibilities, if you believe in yourself. As the head girl of St Dominics Newcastle, Curro taught me to trust myself and my judgement, which allowed me to grow as an individual, building on my confidence daily. It made me believe in myself, which allowed me to achieve anything I set my mind to.

For all the future Curro matriculants, remember the following:

- In the midst of it all, take some time off to recollect yourself and your thoughts.
- As Dory once said, whenever you feel like giving up, just keep swimming.
- As Mr Thomas always says, use your time effectively and to your advantage.
- Learn from your failures and work on turning them into successes.
- Have fun!

Olwethu Gumbi

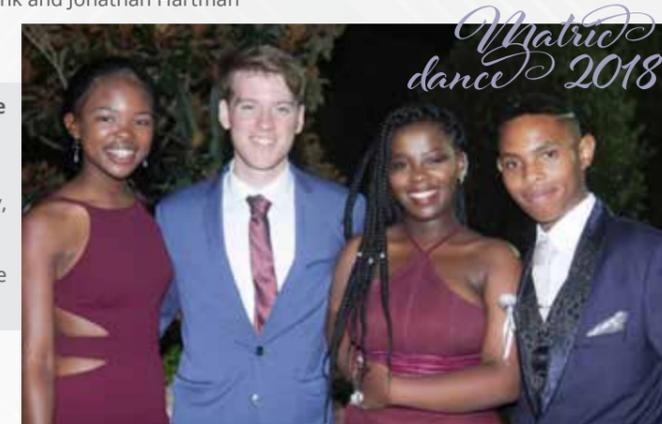
Head girl



Matric dance
From left: Ethan Archibald, Tesla Dicker, Louis Parsonse, Dylan Archibald, Michaela Erlank and Jonathan Hartman



Matric dance
From left: Siyabonga Zulu and Nokthula Simelane



Matric dance
From left: Unathi Zingelwayo, Stephen Kelly, Bokamoso Khetsi and Sibongakonke Mbhele



Matric dance
From left: Trishana Samlal, Megan Rajah, Vidyuta Samlal and Rahil Samlal



Matric garden celebrations
Taylor Harkness and Megan Rajah



Top 5 event at Vulintaba
From left: Asande Vilane and Rahil Samlal
From right: Olwethu Gumbi, Matthew Wu and Sibongakonke Mbhele



Purple day for epilepsy

Nicolas Baigrie

To me as a learner and young man, Waterstone College has become my home for the last nine years, providing me and my fellow matriculants with the necessary platform to mature and grow into the individuals who we are today. I truly believe that Waterstone's vision, to create well-rounded individuals who can contribute positively to society, has been achieved with the 2018 matric group.

This school has given the 2018 matrics the opportunity to connect and grow as a grade, allowing for many of us to create bonds and friendships that will continue to develop for many years to come. The 'thunder' generation, as our matrics of 2018 are known, will continue to live long in the history of Waterstone College with the sounds of our driven 'roars' continuing to echo through the passages, halls and classrooms. Our generation is leaving their footprints firmly behind, showcasing an example for younger generations and, hopefully, they can strive to do even better. The school can take the credit for grooming and developing the many different characters and talents that have flourished under the watchful guidance and care of our teachers and mentors.

The key to Waterstone's success can be seen through the relationships formed between the learners and teachers – a relationship that mirrors that of a family, one which is built on friendship, trust, hard work and togetherness.

Although many people will disagree and say that your heart is red, my heart is firmly Waterstone 'blue' with many people quoting that I am one who has 'blue' blood running through my veins. This is portrayed in the way that I pride myself in the classroom as well as my performance on the sports field.

Waterstone College has become part of my passion and identity; the reason why I would want to achieve and take value in everything I do. I have been moulded and developed through values that will be the focal point of my character going forward and will help me to pave the way for my successes in life.

As I sign off for the year, I would like to thank management and teachers for their continued support and guidance, the prefect body for their constant effort and willingness to improve the school, and my fellow matrics for the memories that were made. To the leadership group of 2019, good luck and remember that your time at Waterstone College is very limited and it is up to you to make the most of it.



Friendships built for a lifetime

Head boy

Thelca Arendsen

This quote by Martin Luther King, Jr aptly describes the goal that Waterstone College continues to strive for and achieves by prioritising our values of faith, integrity, respect and excellence – FIRE. This builds character and inspires intelligence. During my nine magnificent years at Waterstone College, I have been encouraged by the phenomenal individuals who have been moulded, shaped and groomed here. The simple fact that I could pick out role models and say, 'I want to be like her one day' shows that this person must have fire within them and that the fire within me is rapidly spreading because of my desire to know better, do better and be better. I can readily say that I believe Waterstone College is a legendary school with legends in the making.

Waterstone has taught me to seize the moment because opportunities don't come twice. We as learners have received countless opportunities to improve ourselves, inside and outside the classroom, in order to develop into well-rounded individuals. The atmosphere is one that prompts learners to want to take chances, with no regrets. I have confidently grabbed each opportunity I found with both hands and put my everything into each of them. Subsequently, my intellect has been continuously sharpened and my character has blossomed beyond measure. In the midst of uncertainty my confidence grew and I removed all fear by having faith. For this, I could not be more grateful.

My high school career feels like it has been a rollercoaster ride, with ups and downs, very sharp twists and turns, manic emotion, but tremendously enjoyable nonetheless. This is because of the positive attitude I have and all the fantastic people I could share this ride with. The memories that I will treasure forever are the ones that I have had the privilege of making with crazy friends and amazing teachers, from the Mathematics class to the band at family festivals.

The thrill of the ride is coming to its grand finale and new learners are about to climb on to the crazy ride called 'matric'. I believe that, in order to make the most of the ride and thoroughly enjoy it, you need to have a positive attitude and take full advantage of every opportunity – run the 1500 km and act in the play. Be willing to take all the ups with the downs, keep going and *carpe diem* all the way.

'Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education.'

– Martin Luther King, Jr



Head girl



The Class of 2018



Putting together an installation artwork with sheets of Perspex, for Art
From left: Jason Stamp and Jenna Mackrell



Matric dance
Iman Imbili (left) and her partner



Matric dance
Matrics enjoying themselves



Anslin Fortuin Head boy

A part of growing up as a teenager is preparing for the real world and I feel as though it all started here, at this beautiful school. The experiences I have encountered has changed my life for the better. From the first day I walked into this institution, my overwhelming nerves were welcomed by a flood of joy and I was embraced by kind-hearted learners who made me feel as if everything will be all right. Throughout my years at Woodhill College I grew fond of the school and its people – and immensely proud when I got to sing the school song passionately at a sports event. These sort of emotions that you feel can't be explained, only cherished. What I will miss the most is the strong relationship that I have built with staff and my peers at school. The smiles and great times of laughter that instantly lift your spirit when you feel worried. These are the memories that I've created over the years because of the culture that Woodhill has established. For that I thank you.

Woodhill College has instilled in me the values of pride for my badge, integrity to uphold the school's legacy and respect of all individuals and teachers within these walls, as they are my parents away from home. It's called having green, blue and red blood rushing through my veins that will chant louder than anyone else, that will leave my sweat and tears on the field every time I put on our famous colours. It is no secret that Woodhill develops young, confident and passionate individuals that strive for nothing short of excellence. That is the sort of individual I have been moulded into. Having that drive and undeniable will to succeed in everything that I partake in, whether it be in sport or through achieving exceptional academic results. I personally feel that I did the very best with regards to everyday school life at Woodhill College, taking into consideration the vast amount of world-class facilities I had at my disposal. These sort of opportunities I never failed to take for granted and relished every opportunity that I had.

My advice to the future matrics of Woodhill College is to be the change you want to see. Always remember that a school is as great as its learners, the matrics, whom I consider to be the leaders of the school. Leadership is knowing when to say 'yes' and when to say 'no'. Leadership is leading in a way that inspires, motivates, strengthens and creates a unified Woodhill College. But most importantly, leadership is showing that you embody the true qualities of being a member of the family. It's based on stability and not ability, and that is why I believe each of you are leaders in your own right. Ultimately, I want the matrics to feel proud of the school that they attend.



Grade 12 camp to Sun City

Danielle Bornman Head girl

It was almost 13 years ago that my mom dragged me to my first day of foundation school with me kicking and screaming and thinking, 'this is my worst nightmare'. Little did I know that Woodhill College was soon to become a second home to me and a place I will never forget.

Walking down the school halls is like walking down memory lane as every classroom holds an echo of the widest variety of recollections. Memories of our jittery nerves before a speech, memories of inspirational life lessons and memories of laughing until our cheeks hurt with friends who have become family. Woodhill has become more than just the brick walls and paved roads, it has become my building block to a bright and wonderful future.

In all my years at Woodhill College I have learned that no matter how impossible a task seems, you are more than capable of doing it. Whether it is on the sports field, in the classroom or on stage, hard work and commitment will take you places – dreams do not work unless you do. I have also learned that your high school career needs to be cherished and appreciated because the tears, laughter, late nights and early mornings are moments that will stay with you forever.

To the future matrics – smile more! I know things get tough and we all get tired, but I fully believe that positive thoughts and a positive attitude will lead to a positive outcome. Stay true to who you are because as Dr Seuss once said, 'Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.'



Barefoot day



It's cool to be kind water initiative
From left: Lesedi Ratlabanye, Andrea Blignaut and Charles Murray Hofmeyr



Head prefects wearing their matric jackets
Front, from left: Danielle Bornman and Charles Murray Hofmeyr
Back, from left: Anslin Fortuin and Talita Boodhram



Fashion show

Danilo von Ludwiger



Head boy

In Grade 9 I made the switch to Windhoek Gymnasium which was, without a doubt, one of the best decisions I could have made.

Although I never participated in a school sport and my cultural activities were limited, I quickly began to cherish the vibes at the hockey, netball and rugby league games and at the cultural events. A pride started to develop for the red, black and white school that will never die down. I felt proud to be part of a school that stimulates learners to become better versions of themselves and does its utmost to provide them with countless opportunities.

A situation may not always favour you, however, it is up to you to decide what you will do with it. I learnt how to deal with difficult situations, sometimes even difficult people, which has equipped me for life after school. It is okay to fall back on the people around you; you can achieve more together than as individuals.

My advice to next year's matrics, grab every opportunity that comes your way with both hands because time flies and the last two years of school goes by so quickly – make the best of every situation. Create memories and make friends who you will cherish for the rest of your life; go the extra mile. Even in the difficult times there are always people who have your back and who will support you, just keep moving forward. For example, my fellow LRC learners supported me all the way in my head boy journey and I would not have been able to accomplish what I did without them. Work hard, play hard. Your academic performance should always be your first priority, but do not let the work engulf you. The schoolwork might become overwhelming at times, but keep working; it's the way to your future. I believe that there should always be variation in life – doing something from time to time that you enjoy, is of the utmost importance.

I am very grateful to have spent the majority of my high school career at Windhoek Gymnasium. The friends, experiences, memories and knowledge I acquired here were life-changing.

Jacolene Brand

Vanaf my eerste dag in graad 7 tot en met my laaste dag in matriek was Windhoek Gimnasium, beter bekend as "die rooi skool", my tweede tuiste. As 'n skaam Kalahari-plaasdogtertjie wat aan beeste tel en bokke skiet gewoon was, het ek daardie eerste keer benoud deur Windhoek Gimnasium se hekke gestap; bang vir die onbekende.

Vandag kan ek sê dat hierdie skool 'n groot aandeel in die vorming van my menswees gehad het. Ek het die afgelope ses jaar ongelooflike vriende gemaak, die duurste lewenslesse geleer, doelwitte bereik en myself leer ken. Hierdie skool was 'n plek waar ek myself kon ontdek, kon uitleef en drome kon droom en daarvoor is ek Windhoek Gimnasium ewig dankbaar.

Skoolherinneringe in rooi, wit en swart geklee sal my altyd na aan die hart lê. Op die tartanbaan, op die netbalbaan, op die verhoog en in die klas het ons maagspiere ontwikkel van lekker lag, senuwees wat knaag en van krete wat uitgeskree word. Dansklasse en groepsprojekte (natuurlik eers die aand voor die tyd aangepak) is hoogtepunte wat my laaste twee jaar by Windhoek Gimnasium so spesiaal gemaak het. Om vroegoggend op te staan en met die bus regoor die land, tot in ons buurland, te ry het al ons sporttoere die moeite werd gemaak – nóg kosbare herinneringe vol Gimmie-gees.

Aan volgende jaar se matrieks, geniet elke oomblik van elke dag; gryp dit aan! Alhoewel daardie laaste skooldag buite bereik lyk en die weke lank voel, belowe ek julle dat dit in 'n oogwink verby is. Maak die meeste van die Gimmie-geleenthede wat oor julle pad kom en neem deel aan alles wat julle kan, want dit is hierdie skoolherinneringe wat jy eendag gaan koester. Eendag is dus nou!

Hou vas aan dit wat jy in die skoolbanke en op die sportveld van ons rooi skool leer. Bly getrou aan jouself, koester vriendskappe en leef jou godgegewe talente uit. Bly groei! Matriek is die pylvak van jou hoërskoolloopbaan; maak dit onvergeetlik. Onthou Henry Ward Beecher se woorde: "He is the greatest whose strength carries up the most hearts by the attraction of his own".

Goeie waardes, geloof en trots syfer uit elke rooi baksteen van ons skool. Streef na hierdie eienskappe; dit sal by jou bly lank na jy die laaste keer uit die skoolhekke stap. Ek is en bly altyd 'n trotse Windhoek Gimmie.



Head girl



Grade 12 Physical Sciences practical



Windhoek Gymnasium 40 days



Interhouse athletics
Gurrus won the day with Guineas in second place and Geckos in third
Front, from left: Matthias Jauss, Danilo von Ludwiger and Jean le Clus
Back, from left: Jacolene Brand, Zilke Frielingsdorf and Tristan Fallis



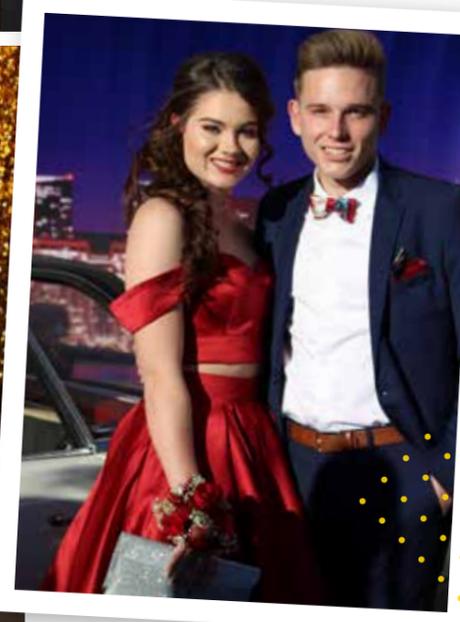
First day of wearing matric shirts
From left: Marinda le Roux, Marlianca Labuschagne and Anjoné Swanepoel



Teacher Jeanie Rabie's birthday
Grade 12 Entrepreneurship class
From left: Anja Ryser, Jeanie Rabie (teacher), Esley Tavenor, Cameron Gaoses, Ricco Maurihungirire, and Monique de Waal



Matric dance
From left: Megan Langford, Zane Feris, Roche van Wyk, Kyle Kriel, Jeani Holz and Zander Olivier



Matric dance
From left: Johané Berry (dux learner) and Petrus Theron (deputy head boy)



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