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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER



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As we begin a new year at Pretoria Boys High School, it is a pleasure to connect with our community through the third edition of our Advancement Newsletter. A new school year always brings renewed energy, ambition, and opportunity, but it also provides a moment to reflect on the remarkable community that supports and sustains this great institution: our

boys, their families, Old Boys, staff, partners, and friends. Through the school's newly established Advancement Office and the circulation of the Newsletter, we hope to enlighten this supportive and important community about the many exciting opportunities to continue supporting our great school. I trust you will therefore find the read both informative and inspiring.

MESSAGE FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE



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As we look ahead, it is clear that the environment in which schools operate is changing rapidly, especially as the state continues to reduce funding for public education. Rising operational costs, the ongoing need to maintain and modernise facilities, advances in technology, and the growing expectations placed on educational institutions mean that traditional funding models are under increasing pressure.

While school fees remain the foundation of our operating budget, they can no longer be expected to carry the full weight of maintaining and advancing a school of this calibre. To continue providing the exceptional academic, sporting, and cultural opportunities for which PBHS is known, additional

sources of support are becoming increasingly important.

Across the world, leading schools rely on strong partnerships with their communities to help secure their futures. Philanthropy, sponsorships, and strategic partnerships play a critical role in enabling institutions to grow, innovate, and provide opportunities that would otherwise not be possible.

This is where the work of Advancement becomes so important.

Advancement is about building meaningful relationships between the school and the broader community that cares about its future. It is not simply about fundraising; it is about partnership, stewardship, and shared purpose. We aim to create opportunities for individuals, families, Old Boys, and organisations to play a role in shaping the next chapter of Pretoria Boys High School.

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Looking ahead, there are several areas where additional investment will make a meaningful difference. These include the continued development of academic facilities, the expansion of sports infrastructure to support growing participation, the modernisation

of key campus buildings, and initiatives that help ensure talented boys can access a PBHS education regardless of financial circumstance.

Equally important is strengthening the resilience and sustainability of our campus through investments in infrastructure that safeguard the school’s long-term stability.

The year ahead is particularly significant as we celebrate 125 Years of Excellence. Milestones such as this remind us that the story of Pretoria Boys High School is one of continuity — each generation building upon the legacy of the last.

Through this newsletter, we hope to keep our community informed about the projects shaping the future of the school and the many ways in which members of our community can become involved. Most importantly, we hope it serves as a bridge that strengthens the partnership between the school and those who believe in its mission.

The continued success of Pretoria Boys High School depends on the strength of this community. Together, we have the opportunity to ensure that the next generation of boys inherit a school that is every bit as strong and inspiring as the one we celebrate today.

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NEW APPOINTMENT

ADVANCEMENT MANAGER



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We are pleased to welcome Palesa More as our new Advancement Manager.

Palesa brings with her a strong background in social investments and impact strategy, stakeholder engagement, and partnership development. Having worked across education and development spaces, she is deeply committed to building meaningful relationships that strengthen institutions and create long-term impact.

She joins the school with a clear focus: to cultivate enduring connections with our parents, Old Boys, donors, and the wider community, and to grow a culture of philanthropy that supports the continued excellence and heritage of our school. Palesa is passionate about collaboration and believes that Advancement is ultimately about building strong relationships; shared vision, shared responsibility, and shared pride in the future of our boys. She looks forward to engaging with the community in the months ahead and working

together to advance the mission of the school. We are excited about the leadership, warmth, and strategic direction she brings to the Advancement Office.

DATABASE MANAGEMENT

The function of database management within an advancement office is to maintain a reliable, well-organised system for recording stakeholder engagement. By keeping records accurate and up to date, the office can communicate effectively, build meaningful relationships, and support strategic fundraising. Ultimately, this structured approach turns data into practical insight, strengthening stewardship and enabling informed decision-making.

At PBHS, this work is supported by DevMan3, a dedicated management platform that centralises all fundraising and engagement activity and Mrs Donn e Roebert (Advancement Coordinator) manages this platform. The system also allows for targeted segmentation, campaign management, progress tracking, and reporting, ensuring both effective outreach and strong compliance, while supporting more personalised engagement over time.

Recent enhancements to the database have focused on improving the quality and scope of alumni location data. Address formats have been standardised, and records updated to reflect current cities, countries, and regional affiliations. Particular attention has been given to accurately capturing the global distribution of alumni, including those based in key international hubs such as the UK, USA, Australia, and across Africa. These improvements provide a clearer picture of the school's global network, enabling more targeted communication, stronger regional engagement, and new opportunities for international events and fundraising initiatives.

A well-managed database not only supports day-to-day operations but also strengthens the school's ability to connect with its community and grow its impact both locally and around the world.

KEY FOCUS AREAS

ACCESS TO EXCELLENCE

At Pretoria Boys High School, we are committed to ensuring that every pupil, regardless of financial background, has the tools and opportunities needed to succeed and feel fully integrated into our school community.

Each year, a number of boys are allocated to the school through the Gauteng Department of Education admissions process. While these pupils are given the opportunity to attend PBHS, the school is expected to absorb most of the associated costs of a Boys High education, as state funding makes a minimal contribution to the resources required to support them. In 2026, the school will be required to absorb upwards of R9 million in fee subsidisation in support of these families who cannot afford the school fees.

The Access to Excellence initiative focuses on ensuring that these boys are able to participate fully in school life: from academic learning to sports, tours, and other enriching experiences that form part of a holistic Boys High education.

Through this initiative, the school seeks to ensure that every boy has the opportunity not only to excel academically but also to feel valued, supported, and included within our vibrant school community.



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ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

For generations, Pretoria Boys High School has been recognised as one of South Africa's leading schools in STEM subjects and Advanced Programmes Mathematics and Physics. More than core subjects, Mathematics and Physics at Boys High foster precision, perseverance, and problem-solving, qualities that help shape young minds into innovators and leaders.

Our Further Studies Programmes, quality-assured by Stellenbosch University's Unit for International Credentialing and benchmarked internationally by UK ENIC, continue to deliver outstanding results in the Final International Senior Certificate examinations. Through this program, our pupils complete rigorous modules such as Calculus and Algebra, with Statistics offered as an elective. Further Studies in Physics provides an additional pathway that prepares pupils to compete and succeed both nationally and internationally.

Maintaining this level of excellence requires sustained investment in teaching capacity, academic resources, and enrichment opportunities. These include keeping mathematics classes small, supporting ongoing teacher development, and providing pupils with access to tutoring, enrichment workshops, and national and international mathematics events.

Each year, hundreds of our pupils benefit from this academic ecosystem, helping to develop the next generation of South African mathematicians, engineers, scientists, and problem-solvers.

Est project cost: R1.2 million



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SWIMMING POOL REFURBISHMENT

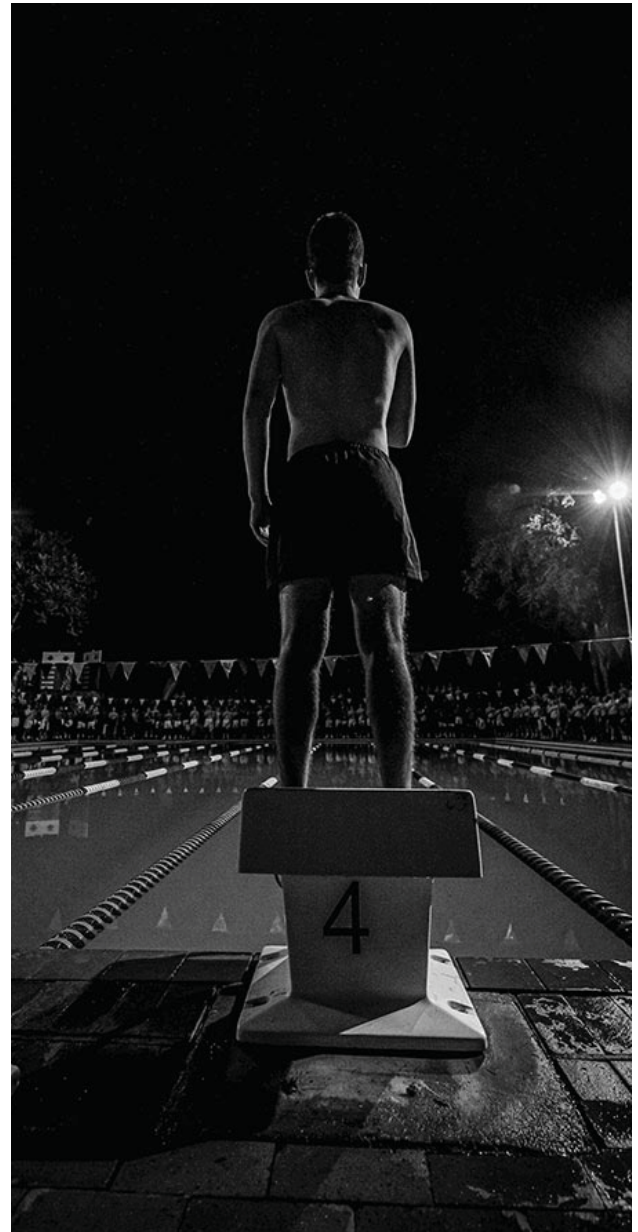
For more than 35 years, the swimming pool at Boys High has been a central feature of the school's red-brick campus. Beyond being a sports facility, it has hosted inter-house galas, inter-school competitions, summer swimming lessons, and countless hours of training, shaping discipline, teamwork, and school spirit across generations of boys.

Over time, the pool has begun to show signs of wear. The tiled surface has cracked and deteriorated, leading to water loss and increased maintenance demands. In addition, key components of the pool's infrastructure, including pumps, filters, and reticulation systems, now require upgrading to maintain water quality and operational efficiency.

Following consultation with engineers and refurbishment specialists, a complete resurfacing of the pool and an upgrade of the filtration system have been identified as the most sustainable long-term solution. This refurbishment will restore the pool's structural integrity, improve water management, and extend the facility's lifespan for future generations of Boys High pupils.

The project will ensure that the pool continues to play an important role in school life by supporting swimming as a vital life skill, enabling competitive aquatics programmes, sustaining cherished traditions such as inter-house galas, and promoting health and fitness across the school community.

Estimated Project Cost: R3 million



Information on a special swimming pool refurbishment campaign is coming soon.



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WATCH THIS SPACE



BOARDING HOUSES SOLAR PROJECT

PROGRESS UPDATE



Although the school already benefits from a 200kWp PV solar installation, a decision was taken during 2025 to expand this capability in a way that will effectively take our three boarding houses off the grid. The project represents an important step toward strengthening the school’s energy resilience while creating a more sustainable and reliable environment for the boys who live on campus.

The expanded installation will consist of three identical solar plants, one dedicated to each boarding house, with each system supplying energy directly to its respective house. The original cost per installation was estimated at approximately R650,000, bringing the total project cost to around R1.9 million.

What followed, however, was a powerful demonstration of the

strength of the PBHS brotherhood.

Glenn Jakins (Class of 1985), now based in Utah in the United States, immediately stepped forward and offered to supply all the required solar hardware at cost through his own solar company — a remarkable contribution that significantly reduced the overall project cost. Soon after, Rein Snoeck Henkemans (Class of 2002) generously offered the services of his solar company to complete the installation, also at cost.

In addition, several Old Boys have already contributed R123 000 toward the project, creating valuable early momentum. Our goal is to secure the remaining funding required before the end of June so that installation can begin immediately thereafter.

To support this, the fundraising effort will be structured across the three boarding houses, with each

house working towards a target of R300,000. Splitting the funding requirement in this way makes the overall goal more tangible and allows each house to play a clear role in reaching the overall target.

The generosity already shown by members of the Boys High community has been inspiring. With the support of others who share a commitment to the future of the school, we are confident this project can soon become a reality.

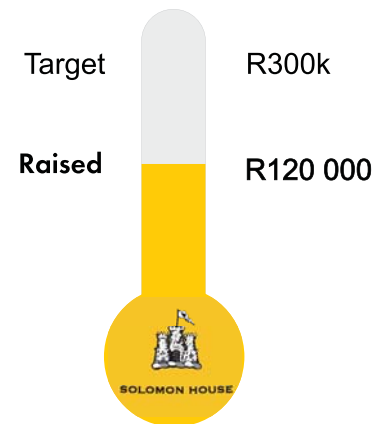
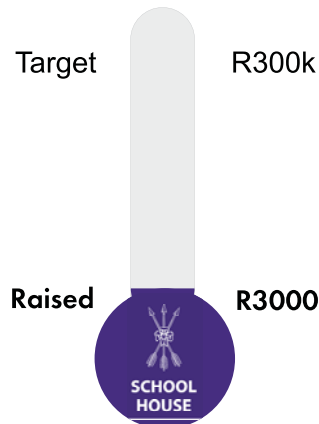
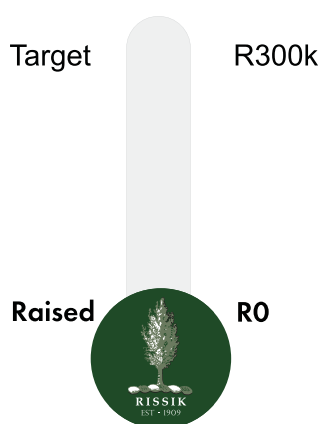
Estimated Project Cost: R1,9 million

Reduced Funding Requirement: R1 million

Funding Raised to Date: R123 000

Boarding House Campaign Target: R300 000 per house (R900 000 total)

Balance to be secured from other sources: R100 000



INTERNATIONAL GIVING MADE EASY

Pretoria Boys High School has established dedicated fundraising channels in the **United States and Australia** through The Myriad Alliance (<https://myriad.org/>) to make it easier for international donors to support the school.

These U.S.- and Aus-based funds provide a secure, transparent, and tax-efficient way for US and Australian donors to contribute directly to Pretoria Boys High School, ensuring that all donations are received and applied in line with the school's strategic priorities. This initiative strengthens our global alumni and donor network while enabling meaningful investment in the school's ongoing excellence and future development.

Donors from the USA

U.S.-based donors can make tax-deductible contributions to the Pretoria Boys High School US Fund at Myriad USA. Because Myriad USA is a public charity, within the meaning of Sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) of the IRC, donors may claim the maximum tax benefits allowed by U.S. tax law for their contributions. If you wish to support us, here is how to proceed:

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Donate here: <https://www.every.org/boyshigh>

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The Pretoria Boys High School Friends Fund is specifically dedicated to the school's Access to Excellence Programme which seeks to fill the funding gap by supporting disadvantaged boys who cannot afford quality education. By doing so, the school ensures that financial barriers do not prevent talented learners from accessing opportunity and reaching their potential.

Donate here: <https://myriadaustralia.org/services/donate/pretoria-boys-high-school/>



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