

Daily Update, Wednesday 21 July 2021, 9:30am



Dear Parents

ST CHARLES COLLEGE
S O U T H A F R I C A

The barricades are coming down

Yesterday the neighbourhood barricades started to come down signaling an important phase of moving forward. We pay tribute to those in law enforcement and security and their families for whom this experience of fear and danger is a part of their normal daily lives.

On Monday, St Charles College turns 146 years old which means the College has survived at least seven Southern African and international wars. Over almost one and a half centuries, we have celebrated great moments of accomplishment and triumph, but also moments of profound sorrow and loss. In our chapel are records of families who sent their sons off to war to die in foreign fields. They lost their lives in power struggles that now fill the pages of the history books. The events of the past week are significant, and they are a warning that we must seek ways to write better history than we have had to read.

Independence is a core principle of this College, and we are committed to supporting SMEs and the brave people who start and run their own businesses. Our Pre-Primary School natural playpark is due to begin construction shortly, and we wish to source whatever we can from local businesses at fair prices. If you are a business that is committed to investing in Pietermaritzburg, then we want your help with sourcing the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bamboo plants (not giant bamboo) | <input type="checkbox"/> High quality sandpit sand (close to swimming pool filter sand quality) | <input type="checkbox"/> Compost |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freylinia hedge plants (white or blue flower) | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific indigenous grasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Bark mulch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Star jasmine plants | <input type="checkbox"/> Large indigenous trees (6yrs old) | <input type="checkbox"/> Riverbed rocks for the stream |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6 x large hardwood tree trunks suitable as natural jungle gyms | <input type="checkbox"/> Top soil | <input type="checkbox"/> Old fashioned hand-operated water pump |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large Boulders | <input type="checkbox"/> Instant grass | <input type="checkbox"/> Removal of rubble |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treated poles | <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial grass | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport of large tree trunks and large boulders |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Organic fertilizer | |

Thank you to Elke Carrihill who asks a question in a moving written submission:

Where to from here – how do I help fix this?

With hope and help from him who has gone before us. -

Our gracious Lord, Jesus Christ.

With faith and grace!

We will help stitch this back together!

One community at a time –

One person at a time –

One human being to another - at a time.

One stitch at a time!

Yours faithfully

Allen van Blerk
Principal