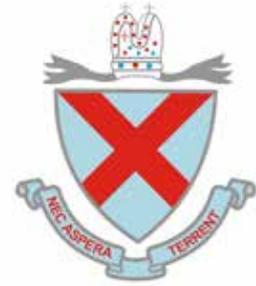


# St Andrew's COLLEGE



To the Old Andrean Community

*We have two lives. The second one begins when we realise  
that we only have one.*

It is a quiet Grahamstown morning in late March, and I am sitting in the Highlander looking out over Lower Field. The recent rains have left Lower a beautiful green, and as I write, Roger Wilkinson and his team, having just completed the raising of the rugby posts, are cutting the grass with a level of care and detail that would put Twickenham to shame – the preparation of Lower Field symbolic of a school that is alive with the anticipation of another epic season of College rugby. To me, Roger (and many others like him) symbolizes much of what is good about College – that is its people, whose contribution lies grounded in a passion for the place that transcends mere work.

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In the background, the Norton teaching block is itself a hive of activity, as builders purposefully go about completing Phase 3 of the #AcademicExcellence project. This exciting phase of the work completes the building, transforming the façade as viewed from Upper Field, creating some really modern multi-functional teaching spaces. And while there is, of course, an inconvenience associated with building works, in much greater amount a sense of excitement, anticipation, and appreciation of the incredible generosity of those who have made the project possible. For a school that is not moving forward is a school asleep, and stagnation, far from being a static state, is the state of moving backwards without noticing.

A school such as College does not gradually come to life at the start of a term. We move from sleepy holidays to full speed in the space of the travel day afternoon as the boys arrive back to school and bring the old buildings back to life. We started with the positive momentum of some of [the best matric results](#) in our history from the class of 2017, and there is a very real sense of purpose about the place, that we give of our very best and take nothing for granted.

Similarly, we do not slow down as the term nears its end and so, although the Easter holidays are beckoning, there is much to be achieved before the place falls suddenly silent. This has been a frenetic term indeed, but without question one of the most positive and productive that I have ever experienced. Our matric leadership is excellent this year, and, as is always the case, the attitude of the matrics infuses the rest of the school, giving it life and purpose.

There are some who, martyr like, describe the job of a headmaster as a terribly demanding one, having to deal as it does with such a wide range of stakeholders, issues, and people. Others express sorrow and sympathy for the demands it puts one under. Some are astonished that anyone would choose to spend their professional life dealing with the intricacies and angst of adolescent children (actually, they may have a point!). Me? I have the best job in the world! I wake up each morning eternally grateful for the privilege of being part of your great school – of the energy, the personalities, and the tradition – and the opportunity of taking the gifts which the Andrean community have left to this generation, nurturing and growing them, that we may leave this place better for having had us, and leave you proud of what we have achieved.

God Bless

***Alan Thompson***  
HEADMASTER

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# #ACADEMICEXCELLENCE PROGRESS

We have entered into the final phase of our R50M #AcademicExcellence campaign, with [only R5M to go](#) to complete the extensive renovations to the academic facilities at College and Prep.

Phase 3 is the final stage of the #AcademicExcellence project and began in February 2018. The renovation of 12 classrooms in the Norton Block is in full swing and completion is expected in November. The internal passage on all three storeys will be incorporated into the classrooms, which will be accessible via the new façade. All classrooms will be technology enabled and furnished with ergonomic and flexible fittings, allowing for multiple teaching configurations.

We look forward to completing Phase 3 at the end of 2018 and reaching our campaign target of R50M.

Follow the [#AcademicExcellence Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for regular progress updates.



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# Welcome to the 2017 Matric Leavers

A special welcome to the newest OA members who matriculated last year - this is your first (of many) OA Newsletters!

We would love to know what you're doing this year - whether its studying at University or taking a gap year to experience life first whilst deciding what to do with your future.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to check that we have your correct contact information to ensure you don't miss out on any College news and Events planned in your region!

## Updating of details and Lost OAs

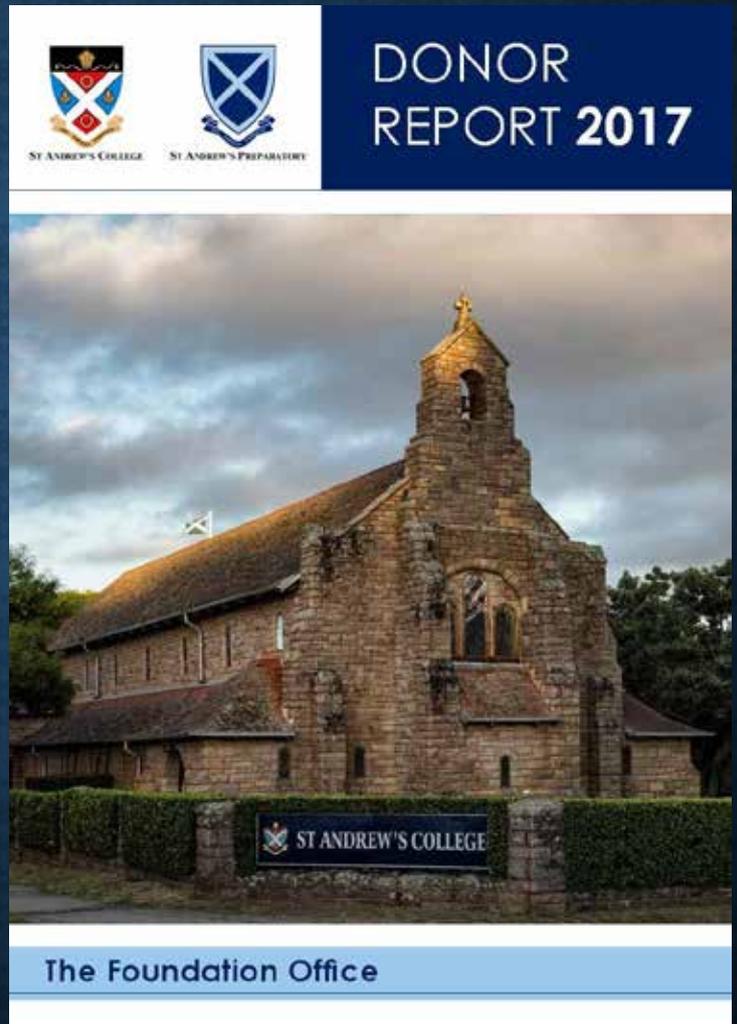
To all the other OAs, if you have recently moved, changed jobs, or just want to check if we have your correct information on our database, please [CLICK HERE](#) to update your personal information and qualification information.

We are continually working on finding 'lost' OAs and would appreciate it if you can have a look at the [List of Lost OAs](#) and let us know if you have current contact details for any of them. Please send the information to [foundation@sacschool.com](mailto:foundation@sacschool.com)

**Sincere and grateful thanks to the numerous members of our Andrean community who donated to St Andrew's College and St Andrew's Prep in 2017.**

**Support in the form of gifts, time and service contribute to the sustainability of our wonderful schools, thereby enabling the current and future generations of boys to enjoy this unique learning experience.**

**To view the extent of the philanthropic generosity expressed in 2017, please view our 2017 Donor Report [HERE](#).**



# Science "Hall of Fame"

The Science Department hopes to inspire pupils to pursue careers in the sciences by exposing them to some of the exciting opportunities for research. We would like to honour the novel research and innovations of Old Andreans and Old Girls on the walls of the newly refurbished Spencer Chapman building with printed "bricks" describing their scientific contributions.

We are looking for significant contributions or novel research in any scientific field. Please send a description of your career path and your research or work and a photo of yourself (portrait or in the field, work place or laboratory) to [Kate Cobbing](mailto:kate.cobbing@st-andrews.ac.uk).

Any publications would be welcomed, if you are happy for them to be archived and made available to interested pupils. We would also welcome suggestions of past pupils in scientific fields to include on our "Hall of Fame".



## Small ways to give back to College and Prep



All Old Andreans and Old Preppies are invited to join the 300 Club. The 300 Club is an innovative fundraising initiative where proceeds are donated to College and Prep annually. The annual fee is R600 per annum and provides an opportunity for members to not only raise funds for our schools, but to be entered into 12 lucky draws held per year.

For more information on the 300 Club, [click here](#) and find the [Application Form here](#).



College and Prep are MySchool beneficiaries. This means that Old Andreans and Old Preppies can help raise funds for our schools through the free MySchool loyalty card. Simply swipe your MySchool card at any one of the partner retail stores and a percentage of your spend will be allocated to College and/or Prep, without costing you a cent.

For more information about MySchool and to sign up for your MySchool card, please [click here](#).

**Your small contribution will contribute significantly to the sustainability of our schools.**

# Rowing News

60 years ago, the St Andrew's College Rowing Club was established with only 5 rowing boys and a boat.

To honour this Jubilee, the Rowing Club Parent Supporters Group is in the process of producing a high quality coffee table book. The book tells the story and history of College rowing from 1958 to 2018 and includes rowing reports, anecdotes and photos ranging over the last 60 years.

Should you have any material which can be included in the book, please send it to [Pollos Purdon](#) by 30 April 2018. Pre-orders for the book can also be placed with [Pollos Purdon](#).



*"We had a great rowing experience @ 1975 and achieved some great results under trying circumstances."*

1975

In the 1970s rowing was a very popular sport at St Andrew's College. The club was established in 1958 and had a long history of success. In 1975, the club was particularly successful, winning several trophies. This was due to the hard work and dedication of the rowers, who had been training for many years. The club was also supported by the school and the community, which helped them to achieve their goals. The 1975 season was a memorable one for the club, and it is remembered as a time of great achievement.



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1994

The 1994 season was a challenging one for the club. Despite the difficulties, the rowers showed great resilience and determination. They worked hard to improve their skills and teamwork, and eventually achieved some success. The club was proud of their achievements and the support they received from the school and the community. The 1994 season was a testament to the club's spirit and the dedication of its members.



*"There had always been a proud rowing history at College under Axel Olsson and Muffin Kennard, but 1995 was a watershed year for the club."*

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*History*

2006

The 2006 season was a significant one for the club. The rowers achieved several victories and set new records. This was a result of their hard work and the support of the school and the community. The club was proud of their achievements and the dedication of its members. The 2006 season was a testament to the club's spirit and the dedication of its members.

*"The dedication, commitment amongst all the boys in the Rowing Club is phenomenal and I commend all the boys..."*

2006



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# Rugby Fundraiser



You are warmly invited to join us at the **Rugby Fundraising Function** over the Easter Festival in Johannesburg before sending our team off on their international tour

**Wednesday 28 March 2018 | 18h00**  
**Polo Room, Inanda Club, Inanda, Johannesburg**

R350 per person (includes supper, live music and fun).  
Cash bar available

Please RSVP to Pam [pamwilson@mweb.co.za](mailto:pamwilson@mweb.co.za) | 083 326 5085



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## Dates to Diarise

### Branch Functions:

25 March 2018	OA Golf Day Cape Town
15 July 2018	Albany Coastal
29 September 2018	Mpumalanga
29 September 2018 (TBC)	North America
25 October 2018	Gauteng
1 November 2018	Graaff-Reinet
2 November 2018	Cape Town
November 2018 (TBC)	Sydney Australia

### Reunions:

25 - 27 May 2018	Big Reunion for the 1978, 1988, 1993 and 1998 Leavers
15 - 17 June 2018	KDay Reunion for the 2008 Leavers
23 - 24 November 2018	Reunion for the 1958 and 1968 Leavers
	Old Preppies Reunion for the Classes of 1961/62
24 November 2018	OA Tide

## Quick Links

- [Old Andean Website](#)
- [Old Andean Facebook Group](#)
- [Old Andean events and reunions](#)
- [Old Andean Branch Details](#)
- [SAC School website](#)
- [SAC Sport Fixture Dates](#)
- [#AcademicExcellence Website](#)

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# The Foundation Office

The purpose of the Foundation Office is to initiate and cultivate lifelong relationships with our stakeholders and to encourage their continued association with St Andrew's College and Prep. Our stakeholders include Old Andreans and Preppies, their families, past and current parents, past staff members, benefactors, friends of our school and all individual and corporate donors. Our aim is to strengthen the bonds that our stakeholders enjoy with St Andrew's which will result in a life-long relationship.



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We are delighted to announce a new event on our calendar – the **Highland Gathering** – which will bring our community together to celebrate all things Scottish.

The inaugural **Highland Gathering** will take place at the Highlander and on Lower Field on the weekend of 22-23 September 2018.

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