



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

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Dear Parents

Traffic, Parking and Drop-off in the mornings

We are acutely aware that the traffic in Johannesburg and at St John's can be very challenging, and that this is exacerbated by inclement weather. We have recently had a number of incidents where parents have been extremely rude to other parents, using foul language and inappropriate gestures. There have also been several instances where our security guards have been verbally abused and their instructions to help traffic flow, totally ignored. We believe that this is not how St John's parents should behave and that such behaviour does not set a very good example for our children.

We ask that you drive carefully and slowly through the school grounds, adhere to the speed limit and traffic regulations, and respect all fellow parents. Please also treat the security guards with respect as they are doing their jobs for the good of the whole school community.

St Patrick's Road / Endean Gate drop-off

Despite the inherent limitations, this has become a popular drop-off point for many parents which also helps to reduce the number of cars on the property. In order to reduce the chances of an accident, please could you adhere to the following:

- Approach the drop-off from the top of Munro Drive and keep as far to the left as possible whilst waiting for your turn. When it is your turn, only parallel park into the lower part of the driveway before allowing your sons to get out of your cars. Do not drive up the driveway itself.
- Avoid dropping boys off on the other side of the road (driving up St Patrick Road in an easterly direction).
- Do not ramp the pavements or drive into any residential driveways at any time.
- Do not get out of your car and/or chat to your son as this is time consuming and causes dangerous backups.

We are currently in discussions with the Johannesburg Roads Agency about the option of building a slipway on the southern side of St Patrick Road, immediately adjacent to the Valley Pool, which if it proves feasible should alleviate some of these problems.

Thank you for your support and cooperation on these matters.

Kind regards

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