

MAKE TOMORROW TODAY



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE FOUNDATION

FORGING THE FUTURE

The St John's College Foundation plays a vital role in the evolution of the school, as its fundraising initiatives support the sustainability of St John's College. The funds raised build an endowment and contribute to the capital projects that further the legacy of this world-class Christian school in and for Africa. Every contribution to the Foundation Trust reinforces St John's College as a world-class centre of excellence.



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SUSTAINABILITY CAMPAIGN

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This year we celebrate the 120th anniversary of this unique school. To coincide with this noteworthy milestone we have launched our most ambitious drive to date. We intend raising R125m by our 125th anniversary in 2023 – this is our 125 Sustainability Campaign.

Led by '125 Ambassadors', the 125 Sustainability Campaign will ensure this leading Anglican school can fund the capital projects and endowments required to improve its status in its regional and international context. It is imperative St John's College continuously evolves to remain distinguished, relevant and sustainable.

The Foundation, working closely with the Old Johannian and Parents' Associations, will play a key role in driving the community and fundraising initiatives through a series of exciting events in South Africa and abroad.



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STRATEGY

St John's has already completed a number of large projects, conceived during and after the Centenary celebrations. These include a new water polo pool, an indoor cricket centre, a new gym, the Barrow Squash Centre, the new Pre-Prep building, the conversion of Gmur House into Sixth Form boarding, and the purchase of additional properties in our precinct.

The Council has now identified five key strategic enablers to help St John's continue to distinguish itself: A ***human resource strategy*** to attract, retain and develop the best staff; a ***technology plan*** to put St John's College at the forefront in the use of technology; a ***building master plan*** to continue to create modern teaching spaces while preserving the architectural heritage of the school; and a ***transformation plan*** to ensure St John's College is relevant to the society and community in which it operates. These will be driven by a ***sustainable funding plan***, of which the 125 Sustainability Campaign is an integral part.

The funds raised will be equally apportioned to endowments via the Scholarships and Bursaries Programme and the St John's Academy, and capital projects, principally the upgrade and expansion of the Preparatory School and the development of a dedicated music centre.

In parallel, the Heritage Committee of the 125 Sustainability Campaign is involved in a range of exciting initiatives to celebrate the school's rich history and to enhance the utilisation of its heritage resources, while diversifying that heritage and ensuring it is relevant to its time and true to its founding values.



ENDOWMENTS

Centenary Scholarship Programme: Introduced in 1998 as part of St John's College's Centenary celebrations, the programme gives meritorious boys from previously disadvantaged communities the opportunity to excel at St John's. At present, the Centenary Scholarship Programme costs R12m a year. Ten Centenary Scholars are placed each year, and accepted into the school for five years, beginning in Remove (Grade 8).

St John's Academy: Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, the Academy is an after-school enrichment programme for boys in Grades 10 to 12, promoting excellence in Mathematics, Physical Science, English and Life Skills. At an annual cost of some R720 000, the Academy currently serves 72 boys from disadvantaged backgrounds who attend government schools in the surrounding community – Berea, Hillbrow, Yeoville and Highlands North.

The St John's Academy has an independently verified B-BBEE SED Recognition rating of 100%.





CAPITAL PROJECTS

New Preparatory School building: An extension and renovation of the Preparatory School is the next large project in our building master plan. The new block design incorporates staff work areas, flexible learning areas, adaptable furniture and cutting edge technology. Also planned is a Therapy Centre, a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Maths Centre, and research areas. The new buildings will be as “green” as economically possible.



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Music at St John's: Over 120 years St John's has acquired a reputation as a school of excellence for music. The music department has grown considerably in the last decade, putting considerable strain on the present facilities. We are adding individual teaching spaces, ensemble spaces and a magnificent performance venue of an international standard, which will host the symphony orchestra, choir and drama productions, and provide a regular meeting space for the Preparatory School.



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Multi-purpose indoor basketball facility: Basketball at St John's College has been an incredible success story. A new multi-purpose basketball facility is proposed, which will bring St John's College basketball into the 21st Century with a world-class facility to host tournaments and practice sessions in one place. The plan includes an upgrade of the current basketball court and new courts built at the existing site. The upper ground of the new development would comprise four undercover courts, with grandstands to accommodate a maximum number of spectators.



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Water polo precinct: The plans for the second phase of the water polo precinct include improved facilities to allow St John's to host big derby games and tournaments, which will contribute to keeping our status as one of South Africa's premier water polo schools. The plans encompass a viewing terrace onto Endean Field, a walkway link to the Valley Pool pathway, player changerooms (home and away), a covered time-keeping area, storerooms, a pergola, and improved spectator seating for all weather conditions.



HOW CAN I GIVE?

Irrespective of size or shape, all gifts, bequests and sponsorships are acknowledged and very much appreciated.

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