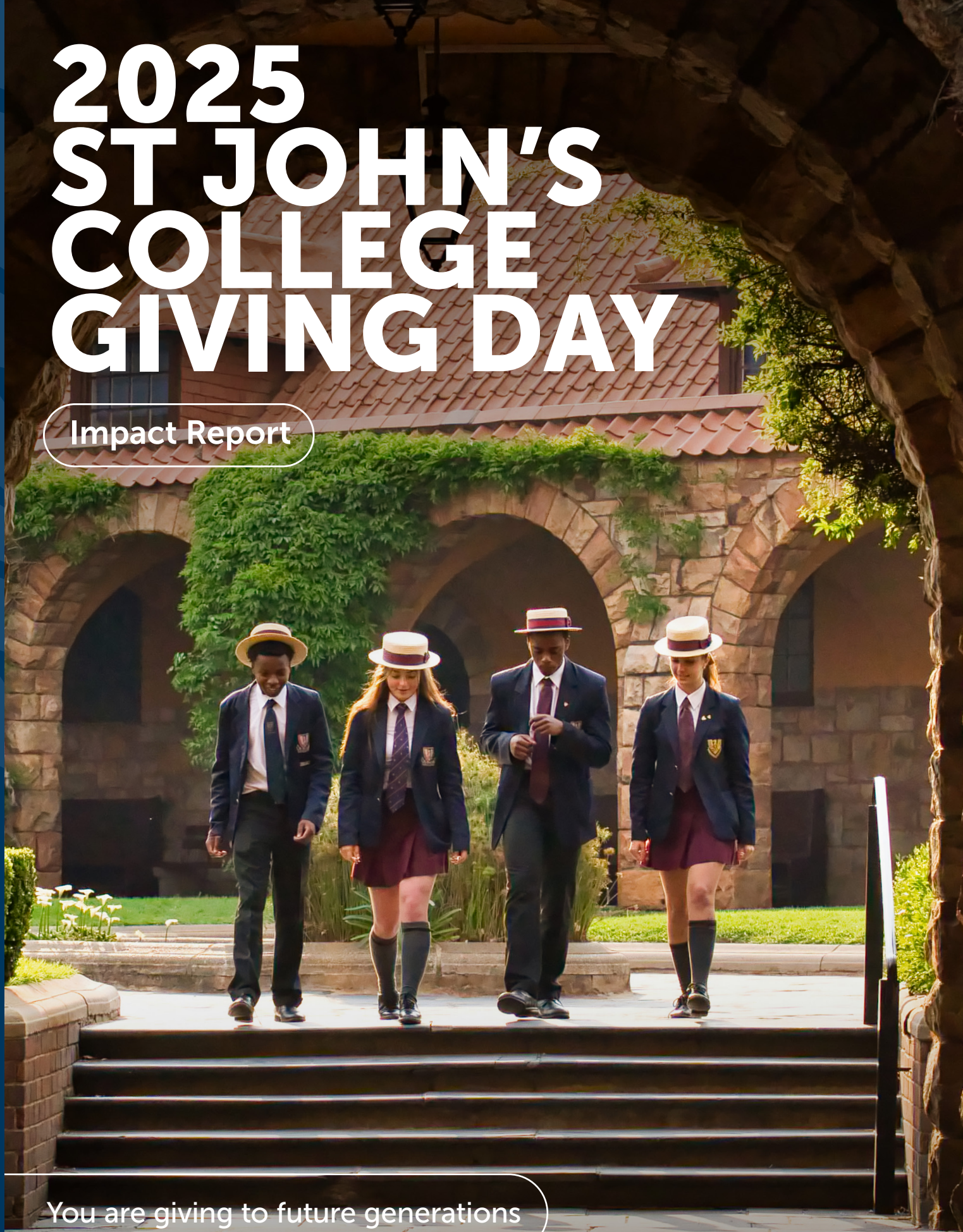
2025 ST JOHN'S COLLEGE GIVING DAY

Impact Report



You are giving to future generations

578 donors | **R8.65** million | **36** hours

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A sustainable St John's is financially sound, academically ambitious and socially grounded, serving far more than a privileged few. In the pages that follow, you will see what your support has enabled: scholarships awarded, lives changed and our plans laid for the school of tomorrow. To every Old Johannian, parent, staff member and friend who has given, thank you. A gift to this school supports the education of boys not yet born: evidence of what we have built together, and of how much more we can build.

— ***Tina Playne**, Chair of Council*



578 REASONS

On 29 and 30 October 2025, 578 people made the same decision: to give to St John's.

Old Johannians across the world, parents, staff, boys and friends of the College. Some gave a great deal, some gave what they could. Together they raised R8,655,000 in 36 hours, a record for the College.

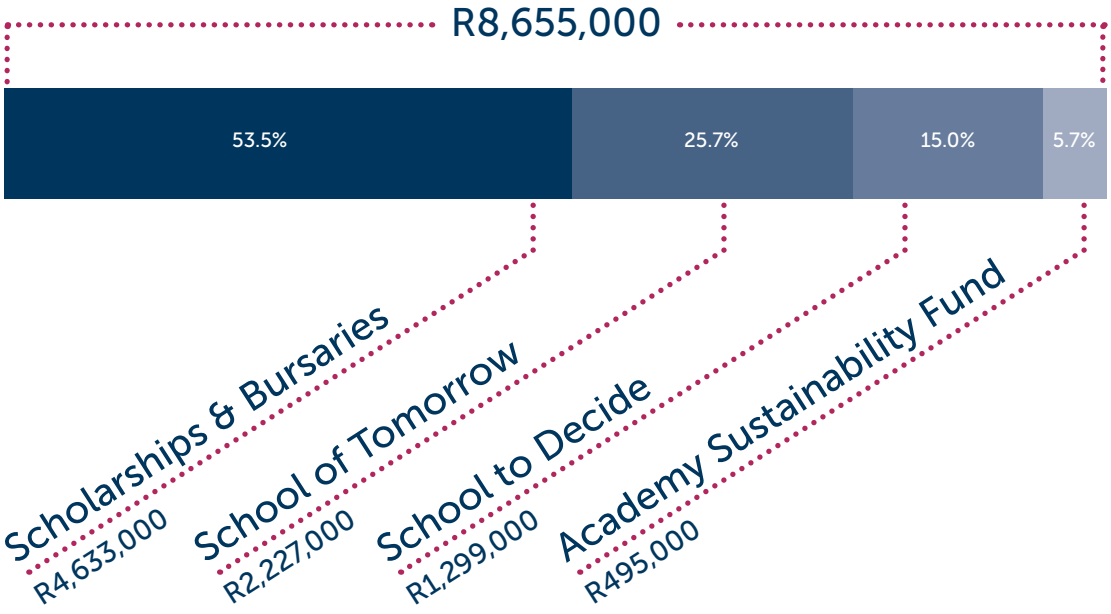
That is not a fundraising figure. It is a portrait of a community that believes the best of St John's is still ahead. This report shows what your generosity has already made possible: boys given a place here on the strength of their talent and character, new boats on the water, new nets on the field, and plans drawn for what comes next.

578	36	R8.65
people	hours	million



More than half of every rand given went straight to boys who needed it.

You chose where your gift would go, and you chose generously. Scholarships and bursaries received R4.63 million, opening the College to boys whose families could not otherwise afford it. A further R2.23 million is building the School of Tomorrow, the places where boys train, compete and grow. R1.3 million was entrusted to the College to direct where the need is greatest, and R495,000 began a lasting foundation for the St John's College Academy.



More than half of Giving Day 2025 went directly to scholarships and bursaries.

Scholarships & Bursaries: **R4,633,000**

163 BOYS

Scholarships and bursaries are how St John's College keeps its promise: that a boy's talent and character, not his family's means, determine his place here.

In 2026, 163 boys across the College are supported in part or in full by merit-based scholarships and bursaries. They don't only reach their potential at St John's. They help shape who we are, and the school is richer for every one of them.

Bursaries		70
Scholarships	academic, music, sport	93

Of Whom

Full Centenary Scholarships	43
Named Scholarships	14
Clergy Bursary	1



CENTENARY SCHOLARSHIPS CLASS OF 2025

163 boys are at St John's College because of talent and character, not means. **Your gift keeps that promise.**

THREE NAMES, THREE LEGACIES

Three of this year's named scholarships carry the memory of Old Johannians who understood, in their own lives, exactly what this kind of generosity makes possible.

John Fiske Wilde

Clayton, 1964
8 November 1945 – 20 September 2024



John carried the bonds of St John's from his days in Hill House and Clayton through a 42-year international banking career. In 2011 he became a founder member of the St John's College Foundation in the US, building community among Old Johannians across America. Believing in education's power to transform lives, he worked tirelessly to open doors for financially disadvantaged students, living out Lux, Vita, Caritas.

Adrian Walton

Nash, 1984
3 May 1967 – 3 July 2024



Adrian's life was defined by excellence, service and helping others, a spirit he carried from St John's College Pre-Prep into a distinguished international banking career. As Head of School he excelled across every part of College life, pairing great responsibility with genuine care for his community. The Adrian Walton Scholarship carries his compassion and commitment to those less fortunate forward to future generations of Johannians.

Luke Potter

Nash, 1995
28 January 1978 – 15 January 2019



Luke was killed in a terrorist attack in Nairobi, Kenya, aged 40. He was Africa Programmes Director at the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, creating jobs for some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world. Anchored by Gatsby and substantially augmented by his schoolmates, his scholarship was first awarded in 2023 to a Remove (Grade 8) boy chosen for his character, resilience, potential and commitment to helping others.

School of Tomorrow: **R2,227,000**

Great facilities don't make great young men. But they give boys the places to discover what they're capable of, together.

Your giving to the School of Tomorrow has already reached the cricket nets, the boathouse and the pool, and has started the plans for something new on the hill.



CRICKET R480,000

What it bought: a full upgrade of the Rice Field Nets: a relaid playing surface, new astro turf, and all-new netting and support structures.

New surface. New turf. New nets. The Rice Field Nets are ready for the next generation of St John's College cricketers.



"Facilities may build cricketers, but generosity builds legacies... Long after the final ball is bowled, your investment will continue to shape lives." — *Bongani Ntini, Head Coach of Cricket*

ROWING R513,000

What it bought: a new octuple. Lighter, faster and built for the size and strength of today's rowers, it lifts both training and racing. It will be christened at the St John's College Rowing Regatta on 17 October.

A new octuple on the water, thanks to you. Rowing has been St John's College's top-performing sport for two years running.



"Rowing is not just any old sport... but a space filled with brotherhood, allowing my crew and me to push ourselves beyond our conscious limits." — *Jack Patricios, Upper IV*

AQUATICS & WATER POLO R606,000

What it bought: new side and goal lane ropes marked for the latest water polo field, a full-size set of competition goals, a junior goal set for the Prep, and funds set aside for new pool covers. The Aquatics Centre is at full competitive standard, ready to host galas and tournaments at the highest level.

New goals, new lane ropes, from the Prep pool to the first team. Thank you for making a splash.



"These improvements will benefit current and future pupils alike, enhancing both participation and performance in aquatics for years to come."

— Jon-Marc De Carvalho, MIC of Aquatics

BASKETBALL R420,000

What it will support: While we await plans for an ambitious indoor multipurpose sports facility, the funds raised have been ringfenced in the Foundation and may be used towards this project or allocated at a later date to a need identified by the MIC.

The funds are ringfenced and secured for the future of basketball at St John's.



"The weather on the hill has been prohibitive many times. I think an indoor centre would be a great addition to the sport to keep some consistency throughout the year in terms of practice and matches."

— Joanne Catzavelos, parent and Giving Day team leader

CAPITAL PROJECTS AND FACILITIES R208,000

The balance of the School of Tomorrow fund goes to capital projects and facilities across the College.



TRUST, REACH AND WHAT COMES NEXT

School to Decide
R1,299,000

Some of you gave without naming a cause, trusting the College to decide. That trust has gone where it is needed most: critical infrastructure, development, and further scholarships and bursaries. It is discretionary giving at its most valuable.

R1.3 million given on trust, put to work where St John's College needs it most.

Academy Sustainability Fund
R495,000

Since 2008, the St John's College Academy has partnered with schools from the inner city and beyond to support holistic learning and lasting change in our wider community. Your giving has begun a dedicated Sustainability Fund for the Academy: a secure, long-term foundation that champions both access and excellence, over and above the fundraising behind individual projects.



Ntsako Chauke

Ntsako's story. Ntsako grew up in Mogoto, Zebediela, in Limpopo. In 2020, as a Grade 6 learner at Asteri Primary School, he was selected for the Prep Academy, where demanding afternoon Maths and English lessons showed him how much further he could go. A Centenary Scholarship brought him to the College in Grade 8 in 2022. Today he is in Matric with Drama Colours, a place in the First Team football squad, Grade 6 saxophone with distinction, and the leadership of the new Vocal Ensemble. Next, he hopes to study Law or Engineering at the University of Pretoria.

> "It showed my family that the circumstances of your beginning do not have to determine the possibilities of your future."
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> — *Ntsako Chauke, Matric 2026*



Thank You



St John's held its first Giving Day in 2023, when our community raised R6.5 million. Last October we returned and were overwhelmed again: boys, parents, Old Johannians and staff raised a record R8.6 million in 36 hours, manning the call centre, rallying their teams, and giving generously of their time and money. In the months since, that generosity has opened doors through scholarships and bursaries, raised standards through new facilities and equipment, and ensured the long-term sustainability of the College through investment in the Foundation Endowment. On behalf of the Advancement Team, thank you.

***Shelley Roberts**, Head of Advancement*

The Last Word



The impact of this commitment reaches far beyond any single Giving Day. It helps us ensure that boys of ability and potential, regardless of financial circumstance, can experience the opportunities, education and values that define a St John's College education. It enables us to invest in the people, programmes and campus that make our school distinctive, while preserving the sense of belonging that has connected generations of Johannians.

When we each play our part, however large or small, we do more than support the College we know today; together, we help shape the St John's College that future generations will inherit.

***Dale Jackson**, Executive Headmaster*

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