

RECTOR'S eNEWS



MICHAELHOUSE

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Rector's Message

It seems as if we have been back for some time this term, mainly as a result of a plethora of significant events in the life of Michaelhouse over the past week. Firstly, on Friday we had our Annual **Speech Day**, (as opposed to our Prize-Giving), at which there was a special focus on our matriculants, as is our tradition, and at which we honoured Mr Jamie Inglis, who has had so much to do with the development of our Bursary Educational Trust and other infra-structural aspects of Michaelhouse, such as the extended Chapel. (For those parents who are new to the school, our Prize-Giving is a separate event and recognises more boys across all age groups and takes place in February each year). Click [here](#) to see a list of all the prize winners.



Some of the prize winners from Speech Day



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Dinners for the A Block in each House were held on Friday evening and then, on Sunday, we enjoyed welcoming grandparents to our special **Grandparents' Day** at which they were hosted by their grandsons, received communion at a service in the Chapel and enjoyed entertainment provided by our Choirs, Orchestra and Jazz Band, as well as some thespians, before having lunch. Unfortunately, it was a damp day, but we felt, nevertheless, that the principal reason for the day - an opportunity for the young to bond with the not-so-young - more than fulfilled its purpose. A number of grandparents commented warmly on the opportunity to engage over the morning and early afternoon with their grandsons.

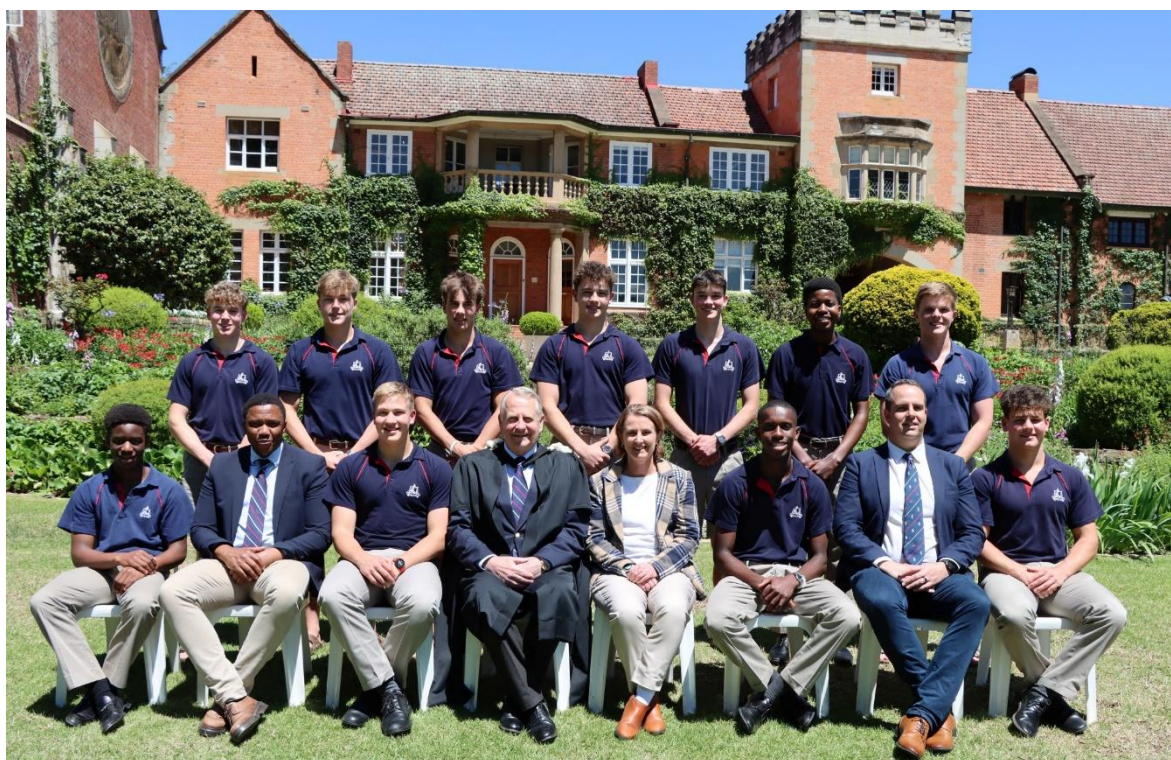


Michaelhouse boys with their grandparents enjoying Grandparents' Day

Then, on Monday, the **Senior Prefect** for the year ahead was announced to much acclaim at our assembly: **Max Oliva** is a young man who has made the most of his Michaelhouse career, playing a significant role on the sportsfield, in music and in drama and we expect him to make an impact on the boys by setting an excellent example and displaying the capacity to put others first. The **Heads of House** were announced yesterday and are as follows: **Nate Ross-Kent** (Founders), **Ross Ferguson** (East), **Rendani Nonge** (West and Second Prefect), **Alex Jankowitz** (Farfield), **Oliver Guy** (Tatham), **Adam Collins** (Pascoe), **Tshepo Molai** (Baines), **Thomas Pakendorf** (Mackenzie), **Brent Tayengwa** (Ralfe) and **Matthew Hunter** (McCormick).



2026 Senior Prefect, **Max Oliva** with the Rector and 2025 Senior Prefect, **Lerotholi Seeiso**



Back Row (L-R): **Matthew Hunter, Ross Ferguson, Thomas Pakendorf, Alex Jankowitz, Adam Collins, Brent Tayengwa and Nate Ross-Kent**
 Front Row: **Tshepo Molai, Mr Sibusiso Ncamani, Max Oliva, Rector, Mr Antony Clark, Mrs Win de Wet, Rendani Nonge, Mr Brendan Gittins and Oliver Guy**

The Senior Prefect and School Prefects are to be inducted this coming Sunday evening in our Chapel and other leadership roles in the Houses will be announced in each House next week.

The Snell Society is a group of boys who are strong academics and who are selected towards the end of their B Block year. They are each invited to present a paper to the rest of the group. The first meeting of the year took place on Sunday evening and there were some excellent presentations from **Rendani Nonge** (on the rapid price increase of pharmaceutical products and the plea for the use of generics), **Keegan Pattenden** (on ethical hunting), **Harry Porter** (on a view that colonised nations should receive reparations from the colonisers), **Matt Hunter** (on the digital afterlife) and **Thomas Pakendorf** (on a view that most human progress comes from difficult situations rather than from favourable ones).



The Snell Society speakers on Sunday: **Keegan Pattenden, Matt Hunter, Harry Porter, Thomas Pakendorf and Rendani Nonge**

Despite the obvious rivalry that exists between Michaelhouse and Hilton, there are a number of occasions when Old Boys of these schools find themselves in the **same** team whether that is on the sportsfield or in business. Here is an example of this: Andrew Davis, our 2022 Senior Prefect and rugby captain with his Hilton counterpart playing in the same victorious Sharks side.



2022 Michaelhouse 1st XV Captain Andrew Davis and 2022 Hilton 1st XV Captain Thomas Dyer after winning the SA Rugby U21 Cup!

Academic Achievements – Top Ten

Top Ten Academic Achievements

Based on their third quarter results, we congratulate those boys below who earned a Top 10 placing in their Block at the end of last term:

Name	Position	House	Block
Reily Elliot	1	East	A
Simon Bailes	2	Founders	A
Luke Camerer	3	Founders	A
Roelof Rossouw	4	West	A
Oliver Bruyns	5	Ralfe	A
Andreas Papadopoulos	6 (tied)	McCormick	A
Luke Sidebottom	6 (tied)	Mackenzie	A
Luvuyo Tsibani	8	West	A
Justin Higginson	9	Ralfe	A
Dillon Lahaye	10	Mackenzie	A
Thomas Wayne	1	Ralfe	B
Etienne Weyers	2	Pascoe	B
Matthew Hunter	3	McCormick	B
Graydon Leslie	4	Founders	B
Robert Short	5	Pascoe	B
Keegan Pattenden	6	McCormick	B
Gabriel Isabwa	7	Pascoe	B
Matthew Longmore	8	Baines	B
Alexander Bothner	9	McCormick	B
Sihle Ludonga	10	Ralfe	B

Name	Position	House	Block
Luneziwe Mshengu	1	Pascoe	C
Zhengfei Li	2	McCormick	C
Griffon Erasmus	3	Founders	C
Oliver Thompson	4	McCormick	C
Benjamin Sevel	5	Founders	C
Raif Jinnah	6	Pascoe	C
Daniel Pieterse	7	McCormick	C
Jaydon Jubber	8	McCormick	C
William Wadman	9	Pascoe	C
Bernard Rossouw	10	Baines	C
Cole Freeman	1	Founders	D
Matthew Ebsworth	2	Pascoe	D
Kayur Jagadasan	3	Mackenzie	D
Chikomborero Batyashe	4	McCormick	D
Campbell Freeman	5	Founders	D
Sam Porter	6	Farfield	D
Kivar Royappen	7	East	D
Nishay Sudhoowa	8	Mackenzie	D
Bright Matchaya	9	Baines	D
Cameron Hatfield	10 (tied)	West	D
Nkanyezi Ndlovu	10 (tied)	Farfield	D
Charlie Parham	1	Baines	E
Likhonkcolomzi Filtane	2	East	E
Joshua Gruijters	3	McCormick	E
Rohan Erasmus	4	Founders	E
Mitchell Guy	5	Tatham	E
Charlie Porter	6	Farfield	E
Avuyile Mbele	7 (tied)	Pascoe	E
Jordan Murray	7 (tied)	Mackenzie	E
Robin Grantham	9	Tatham	E
Thomas Luscombe	10	East	E

B Block Work Experience

In the final week of term, Mr Mike Sevenoaks created an opportunity for 20 boys from B Block to visit MultiChoice and Investec for a three-day work experience programme. It was a valuable opportunity to gain insight into the broadcast media and financial services industries and a privilege to meet and engage with business executives of a high calibre.

The boys spent a day at MultiChoice, where they attended an insightful talk by Mr Jean Willers, Deputy Managing Director of Capitalize Media, who spoke about sponsorships, commercial sports rights, sports data, and related topics. The afternoon session was hosted by Ms Bridget Kee, Head of Production at SuperSport Schools. She gave the boys a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at how the logistical and creative aspects of a broadcast come together, including a tour of the studios and outside broadcast facilities. Following the Heritage Day public holiday, the boys were hosted by Ms Tamsyn Gordon at Investec for two days at their Sandton Head Office. This programme was inspiring and jam-packed with interactions with individuals from across the Investec business such as Mr Abey Mokgwatsane, Chief Marketing Officer and Michaelhouse Old Boy, who shared insights on building a brand, the power of

marketing, and the origins of the Zebra brand and the “Out of the Ordinary” tagline.

There were also talks on organizational culture, cybersecurity and how AI can be used to detect fraud, how financial systems are regulated, on interview techniques and social media conduct.

A panel of young graduates shared inspirational stories of their journeys, encouraging the boys to take bold steps, have confidence, and remain true to themselves. Finally, they had job shadowing sessions, where the boys split into smaller groups to observe employees in various departments, including trading and marketing.

Investec also provided delicious breakfasts and lunches and at the conclusion of the two days, they left feeling inspired and determined to one day return as employees. Overall, the three days were a remarkable experience that gave them meaningful insight into different sectors and workplace cultures.

We would like to thank MultiChoice and Investec for their time, generosity, and hospitality in making these impactful opportunities available to Michaelhouse boys.



The B Block boys with
Mr Abey Mokgotswane (left) and Ms Bridget Kee (right)

Co-Curricular and Individual Achievements

Debating and Public Speaking

As reported in last week's eNews, **Kai de Klerk** (D Block Baines) won 1st place in the KZN provincial round of the Radikale Redenaars public speaking competition and qualified for the National event. This took place last weekend in Boksburg and we are pleased to announce the Kai finished as the 2nd placed speaker overall in the country for this event.



Well done, Kai!

Competition Marimba Band

Members of the Competition Marimba Band went to extraordinary lengths to get back before the start of the fourth quarter so that they could perform at the World Breed Federation of Sports Horses' International Conference on Monday. Ninety delegates from various countries, as well as some local dignitaries, assembled at Crystal Barn close to Fort Nottingham for a glitzy evening event.

The band also featured at the annual Speech Day ceremony last Friday afternoon, playing *Spain* by the jazz great, Chick Corea. These two performances marked the end of the road for the matrics in the 2025 band and it would be appropriate to thank them for their loyal service and exceptional contribution to the marimba programme over the last five years. These boys are **Louis Ayo (captain)**, **Musumbandila Tshivhase (deputy)**, **Joe Gilson**, **Khwezi Dube**, **Ziyanda Hlongwa**, and **Nyiko Mboweni**. The other band members who were involved in these two performances were **Brent Tayengwa (saxophone)**, **Dimo Papadopoulos**, **Tyron Kaufmann**, **Benjamin Viljoen (keyboard)**, **Mvelo Zondo**, **Nate Ross-Kent**, **Michael Ngorima**, **Nkgwete Tlailane**, **Reese Hill** and **Thembekile Ntuli**.



Competition Marimba Band 2025 at the World Breed Federation of Sports Horses Conference

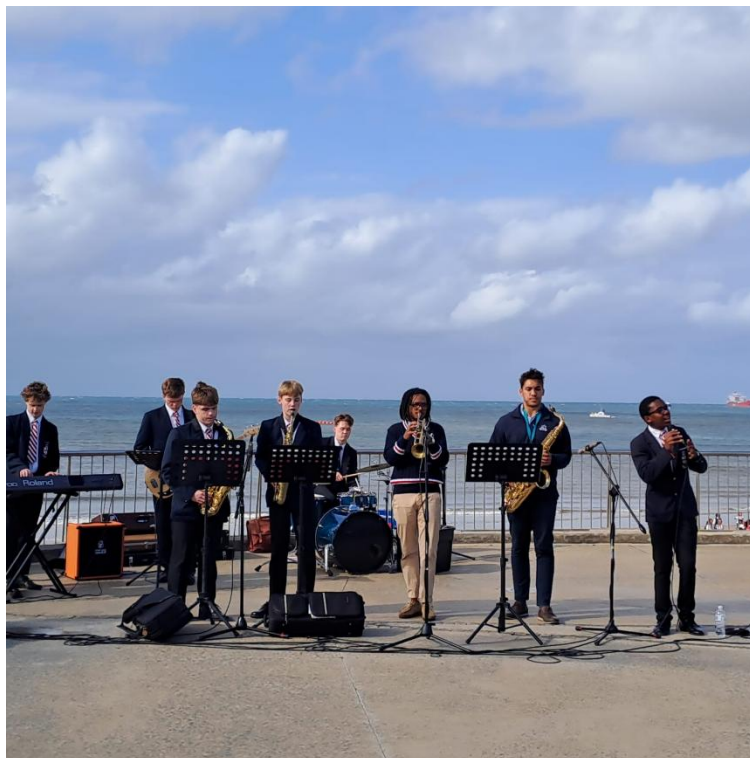


Music

The Chapel Choir and the Jazz Band performed at the opening ceremony of the World Sea Canoeing Championships. The Jazz Band played at the start of the Parade of Nations on the strand, and the Chapel Choir performed at the opening ceremony at the dolphinarium at uShaka Marine World. Under difficult circumstances, with cold, windy and rainy conditions, the Jazz Band performed some of their hits with the Chapel Choir performing a selection of Southern African traditional songs. The large international audience were both thrilled and impressed by the groups.



The Chapel Choir in action



The Jazz Band playing in windy seafront conditions

Andrew McMurray, Zhengfei Li, Brent Tayengwa, Benjamin Viljoen and Ian Graham entertained the attendees of the opening event for the Matric Art Exhibition last Friday in the Schlesinger Theatre foyer. Playing pieces from a variety of different musical styles, these boys contributed greatly to the ambience and celebratory mood of the event. **Andrew McMurray** (E Block East) must be congratulated on making his debut performance with an arrangement of Ed Sheeran's "Thinking out loud".



Andrew McMurray playing the piano
supported by the other pianists

Golf

The Douglas Cup event against Hilton took place on Sunday at Bosch Hoek Golf Club. The 1st Team was leading 9–3 when the match was abandoned, while the 2nd Team secured a 7–5 victory.



The Michaelhouse Golf teams at Bosch Hoek



Ewan Logan (left) and William Watt-Pringle (right) on the tee

Water Polo

The 1st Team Stayers (the squad without A Blockers) travelled to Johannesburg for the 31st St Stithian's Invitational Tournament, competing against twenty of the country's top schools. This event served as a crucial early-season benchmark for our young side.

The team was placed in a tough Pool A, which included the eventual tournament winners, Bishops from Cape Town, and the 4th placed side, Rondebosch, along with King Edward VII School (KES) and Pearson High School.

Our first match against the powerful Bishops resulted in a 14-3 defeat, despite the Michaelhouse boys scoring first. However, the team responded well later that afternoon, showing composure and accuracy to beat Pearson 12-2.

Friday's play began with a significant challenge against tournament favourites, Rondebosch. The Michaelhouse boys started strongly and held the lead for much of the match. Despite determined defence, the team was unable to maintain control in the final stages, losing narrowly 9-7. A focused effort in the final pool game against KES secured a 10-6 victory, allowing the team to finish 3rd in Pool A.

The playoff path began on Saturday morning against St John's College. This match was particularly significant as Nicholas Purdy received his 50th Cap for the 1st team—a superb achievement. Unfortunately, St John's capitalized on early errors and won the match 9-5. This placed Michaelhouse in the competition for positions 9-12. The team performed well in this section, first facing a strong Affies side. Our boys played with focus and commitment, winning the match 6-3.

The final match for 9th place was against local rivals, Hilton College. The Michaelhouse boys played with composure and maintained control from the start. They secured a hard-fought 5-4 win to claim the 9th position, marking a significant victory against Hilton.

Michaelhouse finished the tournament in a highly respectable 9th place overall out of 20 top schools. The boys demonstrated great spirit and effort throughout the event.

The other teams played seven games against Kearsney, won four, lost two and drew one. Well done to our boys!

U14A won 10-8, U14B won 12-5, U14C vs Kearsney U14B lost 5-7

U15A won 10-5, U15B lost 5-7 and U15C drew 10-10

2nd team lost 8-10, 3rd team won 12-3, 4th team vs Kearsney 3rd team lost 4-7 and 5th team vs Michaelhouse 4th team won 8-5



Ross Ferguson in the pool game vs Rondebosch



Elliot Springate attempting a shot from his own goals



Jed Reilly looking for options in our knockout match vs St John's College



Vice Captain, **Tane Greene**, controlling things on attack

Swimming

Samuel Gilson (E Block West) competed in the MAC Gala in Durban this past weekend, delivering an excellent performance and securing 3rd place in the U14 breaststroke event

Canoeing

Sam Hoy (C Block Founders), represented Botswana, his home country, in the World Open Ocean Surfski Championships, held in Durban for the first time. A record number of over 500 contestants took part in the event, representing 32 nations. The sea served up some challenging conditions with many boats damaged and destroyed in the big surf. Sam successfully completed both the singles and doubles events, with an impressive 3rd place in the U16 age group.



Sam Hoy at the World Open Ocean Surfski Champs

Basketball

Our First Team played 6 games winning 2 and losing 4 at the St David's Basketball Tournament. All of our losses except the loss to KES were by fewer than 7 points. A highlight was our victory over St Stithian's (34-31). The breakdown of results are as follows:

vs Grey High School won 43-31, vs KES lost 34-56, vs Kings Linbro lost 20-27, vs St Benedict's College lost 30-37, vs St Stithians College won 34-31 and St Alban's College lost 24-27

The other basketball teams played against Kearsney with the following results:

U14A lost 22-27, U14B won 21-19, U14C lost 17-23, U14D lost 8-18 and U14E won 5-0

U15A lost 18-23, U15B won 25-21, U15C lost 15-20, U15D won 23-12 and U15E won 28-11

U16A lost 13-36, U16B won 24-23, U16C lost 8-21, U16D lost 13-23 and U16E won 27-15

2nd team won 37-31, 3rd team won 33-15, 4th team won 17-10 and 5th lost 9-30



Max Vries shoots under pressure from KES defenders



Joel Reinhardt and the rest of the 1st team playing tight defence against St Alban'



The 1st basketball team at the St David's tournament



The 2nd basketball team after their win this weekend vs Kearsney

Cricket

Our teams played against Kearsney at Michaelhouse. We played 12, won 5 and lost 2, with 5 matches being abandoned due to inclement weather. The results were as follows:

1st XI - match abandoned, 2nd XI won by 128 runs, 3rd XI won by 5 wickets, 4th XI - match abandoned, 5th XI won by 190 runs and 6th XI vs Michaelhouse 7th XI - match abandoned

U15A - match abandoned, U15B won by 8 wickets and U15C won by 9 wickets

U14A - match abandoned, U14B lost by 49 runs and U14C lost by 108 runs

Pictured below are some of our U14 players:



Luke Mallett



James Velleman



Daniel Rees



Finn Aylward

Tennis

Over the past weekend, **Matt Bennett** (C Block Tatham) and **Nathan Marshall** (D Block Mackenzie) took part in the U19 KZN Tennis Trials held at Westridge Tennis Stadium.

Nathan impressed in the qualifiers, winning all his matches to reach the main draw, where he narrowly missed progressing further. Matt competed superbly over three days in the main event, playing excellent tennis against some of the province's top players. His strong performances earned him selection as a reserve for the KZN U19 team - a well-deserved achievement.

Well done to Matt and Nathan on their superb performances.

Hockey

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected as Non-Travelling Reserves for the KZN Inland U14A Indoor Hockey Team: **Callum Baird** (E Block West), **Hlumi Mpumiwane** (E Block Pascoe) and **Brett Roberts** (E Block East)

Well done, boys, on this well-deserved recognition!

Team of the Week – Head of Sport: Mr Ryan Ravenscraft

It was going to be almost impossible to select a Team of the Week from four sports over a weekend. After a positive start to our season in hosting Kearsney, the following teams were nominated: the 3rd Water Polo Team with a 10-3 win performed superbly first time out, the 5th Cricket Team winning by 190 runs at Kearsney was simply, superb, albeit against a weakened Kearsney team. The U14B Basketball team continues to impress with their phenomenal attitude to never giving up and sneaking a win. But congratulations go to the 3rd Water Polo Team who are the deserved winners. Keep it up.

Storage of Boys's School Trunks during the holidays

Should you wish to have your son's clothes washed and his trunk stored in Nottingham Road during the holidays rather than take it home, please contact Georgie Carter or Thuli Khanyile. Georgie and Thuli offer the service of collecting, washing, ironing and returning the trunk to your son's House at school at the beginning of the school year. Mending of clothes such as loose buttons and hems can also be arranged as well as storing of other items such as sporting equipment and washing of additional clothes or bedding.

All dealings in this regard must please be done with Georgie or Thuli directly as this will be a private arrangement between parents and GezaGeza Cleaning Services. For all arrangements please contact them directly on gezageza566@gmail.com or via whatsapp on 082 882 7202 or 073 143 2259.

Please note the following important points:

1. Boys' trunks will be collected from the school laundry on either Thursday 27 November (between 10-2pm) and on break-up day, Friday 28 November (between 8.30-10am)
2. Trunks that are not left at the school laundry will not be taken by GezaGeza
3. Trunks of prefects returning earlier for the Prefects' Camp will be delivered to their House dayroom on Friday 9 January 2026
4. Trunks for all other boys will be delivered to their House dayroom on Monday 12 January 2026

Feedem Menus – Quarter 4

Please click on the below image to view the Feedem Menu for the 4th quarter.



Conclusion

I have already spoken in previous communications about the excellent book written by Emma Sadleir and Rorke Wilson entitled *How not to Mess up Online* and I do so again as you may like to start considering Christmas gifts for your family. Here is a picture of the cover:



With my best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Antony Clark'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

ANTONY CLARK
RECTOR

SUPPORT OUR BOYS.



TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
1st	Clifton: KZN Top 10 Tournament*		
2nd	Westville Boys' High School	Pool - Short Course	17:00
3rd	Westville Boys' High School	Half Pool	16:10
4th	Westville Boys' High School	Half Pool	15:35
U15A	Westville: KZN Top 10 Tournament*		
U15B	Westville Boys' High School	Half Pool	15:00
U14A	Northwood: KZN Top 10 Tournament*		
U14B	Westville Boys' High School	Half Pool	15:35
U14C	Westville Boys' High School	Half Pool	15:00

*Denotes away matches

WATER POLO vs WESTVILLE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
Saturday 25 October 2025 (Home/Away)



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TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME	FORMAT
1st	Westville Boys' High School	Bowdens*	09:00	50 overs
2nd	Westville Boys' High School	Roy Gathorne Oval	09:00	50 overs
3rd	Westville Boys' High School	Luther Field (KCC)*	13:30	30 overs
4th	Westville Boys' High School	Hannahs	13:30	T20
5th	Westville Boys' High School	Luther Field (KCC)*	09:00	T20
6th	Westville Boys' High School	Hannahs	09:00	T20
U15A	Westville Boys' High School	Commons 1*	09:00	50 overs
U15B	Westville Boys' High School	Tarpeys	13:30	30 overs
U15C	Westville Boys' High School	Willows	09:00	T20
U14A	Westville Boys' High School	Commons 2*	09:00	50 overs
U14B	Westville Boys' High School	Holleys	09:00	30 overs
U14C	Westville Boys' High School	Willows	13:30	T20

*Denotes away matches

CRICKET vs WESTVILLE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
Saturday 25 October 2025 (Home/Away)



SUPPORT OUR BOYS.



TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
1st	Westville Boys' High School	MPC 1*	11:15
2nd	Westville Boys' High School	MPC 1*	10:00
3rd	Westville Boys' High School	Outdoor Court*	10:00
4th	Westville Boys' High School	MPC 2*	10:00
5th	Northwood High School 4th	Lower Court 2*	10:00
U16A	Westville Boys' High School	MPC 1*	09:00
U16B	Westville Boys' High School	MPC 2*	09:00
U16C	Westville Boys' High School	Outdoor Court*	09:00
U16D	Northwood High School	Lower Court 2*	09:00
U15A	Westville Boys' High School	Indoor Court 1	10:00
U15B	Westville Boys' High School	Indoor Court 2	10:00
U15C	Westville Boys' High School	Indoor Court 3	10:00
U15D	Westville Boys' High School	Indoor Court 1	11:00
U15E	Westville Boys' High School	Indoor Court 2	11:00
U14A	Westville Boys' High School	Indoor Court 1	09:00
U14B	Westville Boys' High School	Indoor Court 2	09:00
U14C	Westville Boys' High School	Indoor Court 3	09:00
U14D	Westville Boys' High School	Indoor Court 1	12:00
U14E	Westville Boys' High School	Indoor Court 2	12:00

*Denotes away matches

BASKETBALL vs WESTVILLE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL
Saturday 25 October 2025 (Home/Away)

