

# RECTOR'S eNEWS



MICHAELHOUSE

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## Rector's Message

The term has begun with tremendous energy and enthusiasm from both boys and staff, setting a very positive tone for the weeks ahead. It has been heartening to see the boys return with such commitment, spirit, and pride in the school.

Our Inter-House Swimming Gala was a highlight, showcasing excellent performances in the pool and outstanding House spirit. The boys supported their Houses with great enthusiasm, making it a memorable and enjoyable occasion for all involved.

We also enjoyed an excellent fixture against Durban High School, with strong performances across the pools, basketball courts, and cricket fields. The level of competition and commitment displayed by our boys was impressive.

In Assembly, we had the pleasure of handing out academic awards in recognition of the excellent results achieved by many boys last year. These outcomes reflect their hard work and dedication, as well as the support of our staff.

It has been a very encouraging start to the term, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the weeks ahead.

There are two important matters I reinforced with the boys during assembly on Monday, both of which are essential to the safe and effective functioning of the school.

Firstly, the boys have been reminded that when the lightning alarm sounds, they must immediately get under

proper cover, with a roof over their heads, and remain there until the all-clear is given. This applies during all activities, including sports fixtures and practices, and to visiting teams as well. Lightning is highly unpredictable and can strike even under clear skies. We are painfully aware of past tragedies at Michaelhouse and at other schools, and trees on our campus are struck by lightning with concerning regularity. At times, boys may need to wait patiently under cover while transport is organised, but this is non-negotiable. Safety must always come first.

Secondly, an important part of a Michaelhouse education is learning to engage with others in a respectful and thoughtful manner. Boys are reminded to think before they speak and to avoid remarks that may be intended as humorous but are, in fact, hurtful. Cutting, aggressive, or disparaging comments, particularly those relating to race or gender, have no place here. In line with the values of the South African Constitution, we seek to promote equality, inclusion, and respect for all. Behaviour that undermines these values will be taken seriously and will carry consequences. Michaelhouse is a place of belonging and hurtful comments undermine that sense of belonging.

We value the partnership we share with parents in reinforcing these expectations as we work together to educate young men of character.

#### ADAM Parent Portal Information

As part of our commitment to excellence in boarding and education we have adopted a new school management system to better enable us to provide world-class education and pastoral care. Our new system, ADAM, will replace iSAMS as our core software to manage academic and pastoral data. ADAM is a South African product developed for the South African education system. We join a community of over 70 independent schools nationwide who are already using ADAM.

ADAM has a number of advantages over our previous system while meeting all of our existing requirements. In the near future ADAM will enable you, as parents, to submit leave requests, view leave balances, organise meetings with your son's teachers at open days and receive communication from us.

We have already started the process of setting up the parent portal but before we can roll this out to parents we need accurate family and pupil information. Most importantly we need each parent's ID or passport number as well as a valid email address.

This morning, you would have received an email from Michaelhouse's ADAM with a link to update your family details. This email was sent to the email address we have on record. Clicking on the link in the email will enable you to submit updated information about your family and son(s). This link expires after 14 days so we ask that you please attend to this timeously.

Please verify that this email has not been sent to you junk folder. If you have not received this email it is possible that your email address may be incorrect on our system: if this is the case please email [servicedesk@michaelhouse.org](mailto:servicedesk@michaelhouse.org) with your correct email address.

It is imperative that you complete this online form so that when the time comes you will be able to log into the ADAM parent portal to view academic reports and book leaves.

#### Elevate – Mrs Katherine Cass

As part of our ongoing efforts to empower our boys with effective learning skills, we have partnered with the global education company, Elevate. They will be providing several workshops for our students over the course of the year. These workshops are designed to take place in tandem with the curriculum and in support of the examinations during the terms.

The boys attended their first workshops last week in their grade Blocks, and the general feedback was very positive. Our boys will now be able to make use of Elevate's online digital resources and the Michaelhouse Learning Support Department will also be providing optional supportive workshops to encourage the boys to make use of the strategies and techniques in achieving their academic success. Parents are welcome to register for the free online webinars provided by Elevate or contact Mrs Katherine Cass ([katcas@michaelhouse.org](mailto:katcas@michaelhouse.org)) for further information. Please click on the relevant links below for the webinar registration and more information regarding Elevate.

[Elevate Education Brochure](#) & [Elevate Webinar Information](#)

## About Elevate

Elevate is an award-winning international education company that has spent the last 21 years training students to use best-practice study skills. Working with more than 2,500 schools and 500,000 students each year, Elevate equips students with the skills they need to succeed in school and beyond. Elevate also trains teachers and parents to ensure best-practice study behaviours are reinforced across the classroom and at home. In 2014 Elevate won the New South Wales Telstra Australian Business of the Year Award and was invited to speak on the habits of the top students at TEDx in Tallinn, Estonia. Elevate are also Winners of the Nescafe Big Break Awards for entrepreneurship.

### Elevate Program Overview

- 1 Identify Student Needs**  
Elevate surveys the students prior to the program to identify the biggest areas of need.
- 2 Engage Students**  
Elevate's university-age presenters run highly interactive, fun and engaging workshops to teach students key study skills and learning behaviour.
- 3 Upskill Staff**  
Elevate teaches staff best-practice strategies to follow-up the program in the classroom, and across subject areas.
- 4 Upskill Parents**  
Parents are engaged in the program and taught how to reinforce these strategies at home.
- 5 Track Results**  
Data is collected after each workshop, as well as after exams, to track the impact of the program.

## Academic Achievements

### Top Ten

Congratulations to the Top Ten Achievers in each Block at the end of 2025, based on their final year-end mark.

Name	Position	House
<b>B BLOCK</b>		
Thomas Wayne	1	Ralfe
Etienne Weyers	2	Pascoe
Graydon Leslie	3	Founders
Keegan Pattenden	4	McCormick
Jake McDonald	5	West
Robert Short	6	Pascoe
Matthew Hunter	7 (tied)	McCormick
Rhys Watson	7 (tied)	McCormick
Matthew Longmore	9	Baines
Rendani Nonge	10	West

Name	Position	House
<b>C BLOCK</b>		
Connor Wilson	1	East
Luneziwe Mshengu	2	Pascoe
Zhengfei Li	3	McCormick
Oliver Thompson	4	McCormick
Raif Jinnah	5	Pascoe
Shail Rajkumar	6	Mackenzie
William Wadman	7	Pascoe
Daniel Pieterse	8	McCormick
Mvelo Zondo	9	Pascoe
William Aylward	10	East

Name	Position	House
<b>D BLOCK</b>		
Sam Porter	1	Farfield
Campbell Freeman	2	Founders
Leonardo Van de Dronker Derbynew	3	Pascoe
Connor McMurray	4	West
Matthew Gerber	5	West
Nishay Sudhoowa	6	Mackenzie
Calvin Purdy	7	Mackenzie
Bright Matchaya	8	Baines
Cameron Hatfield	9	West
Matthew Godbold	10	Founders

Name	Position	House
<b>E BLOCK</b>		
Charlie Parham	1	Baines
Rohan Erasmus	2	Founders
Joshua Gruijters	3	McCormick
Likhonkolomzi Filtane	4	East
Mitchell Guy	5	Tatham
Robin Grantham	6	Tatham
Jack Ralfe	7	Ralfe
Charlie Porter	8	Farfield
Jordan Murray	9	Mackenzie
Joshua Hlambelo	10	McCormick

*TARPS – Top Academic Rewards Programme January – June 2026*

This programme is designed to reward a limited number of boys in each Block who achieve academic excellence, as well as to extend them. It complements the extension work conducted in Academic Departments but does so typically in a broader fashion beyond the curriculum. To qualify, boys must be in the **top five in their Block**. In the second half of the year, the group is reconstituted based on the mid-year results and the E Block join the group at this point.

Name	Surname	House	Block
Thomas	Wayne	Ralfe	A
Etienne	Weyers	Pascoe	A
Graydon	Leslie	Founders	A
Keegan	Pattenden	McCormick	A
Jake	McDonald	West	A
Connor	Wilson	East	B
Luneziwe	Mshengu	Pascoe	B
Zhengfei	Li	McCormick	B
Oliver	Thompson	McCormick	B
Raif	Jinnah	Pascoe	B
Griffon	Erasmus	Founders	B
Sam	Porter	Farfield	C
Campbell	Freeman	Founders	C
Leonardo	Van De Dronker Derbynew	Pascoe	C
Connor	McMurray	West	C
Matthew	Gerber	West	C
Charlie	Parham	Baines	D
Rohan	Erasmus	Founders	D
Joshua	Gruijters	McCormick	D
Likhonkolomzi	Filtane	East	D
Mitchell	Guy	Tatham	D

## Academic Awards

Congratulations to the following boys who received their Academic Awards in assembly on Monday:

### Honours:

Alexander Bothner, Matthew Hunter, Gabriel Isabwa, Matthew Longmore, Sihle Ludonga, Khashane Maenetje, Jake McDonald, Rendani Nonge, Troy Rautenbach, Robert Short, Rhys Watson, Thomas Wayne, Griffon Erasmus, Raif Jinnah, Luneziwe Mshengu, Oliver Thompson, William Wadman and Connor Wilson



Honours awardees with Mrs von Mayer, Senior Academic and  
Mrs Win de Wet, Acting Rector

### Colours

Timothy Bokaba, Preston Greene, Tane Greene, Tyron Kaufmann, Lee-Roy Mochan, Max Oliva, Thomas Pakendorf, Nicholas Purdy, Nate Ross-Kent, Jack Stevenson, Etienne Weyers, Harry Witherspoon, Jaydon Jubber, Zhengfei Li, Ethan Perry, Daniel Pieterse, Shail Rajkumar, Nathan Roberts, Bernard Rossouw, Nivan Royappan and Mvelo Zondo

### Half Colours

Laird Hamilton-Brown, Skyler Nienaber, Mulisa Phungo, Elliot Springate, Benjamin Viljoen, Jess Webber, Chad Abrahams, William Aylward, Mitchell Bekker, Matthew Bennett, Matthew Cassidy, Martinho de Abreu, Noah Holl, Sinaluthando Masuku, Luthando Mxhego, Solethu Ngxola, Duncan Roberts, Benjamin Sevel, Calum van Zyl, Campbell Freeman, Connor McMurray, Sam Porter and Leonardo Van De Dronker Derbynew

## 2026 Academic Open Days and Important Dates

Please click [here](#) to view the 2026 Academic Open Days.

## Careers Assessment: A and B Block Boys

Michaelhouse has partnered with Bryce Dekker and Direction DD to work with students, parents and teachers to collectively help your son work through options and move towards the most appropriate choices when it comes to **options after school**. Bryce will visit Michaelhouse a number of times over the

course of the year to do career assessments with A and B Block boys and then feedback sessions with the boys and their parents. Please click [here](#) to read more about Direction DD and Bryce Dekker.

The first round of assessments is now full. The second round of assessments will be conducted in the 2nd quarter – there will be further communications closer to the time. Please contact Mrs Mel Verwey ([melver@michaelhouse.org](mailto:melver@michaelhouse.org)) for any queries.

## Inter-House Gala

The Inter-House Gala was a show stopper on Friday evening with an excellent display of swimming, House spirit and camaraderie. An unusually large number of parents were in attendance to support from the Old Boys veranda of which our swimming captain, Kyle Heyns', parents were our guests of honour. The Junior and Senior Open Water swim took place on the Wednesday and Thursday afternoons preceding the gala with **Tane Greene** (A Block Mackenzie) taking 1<sup>st</sup> place in the senior event and **Samuel Gilson** (D Block West) just sneaking ahead of **Bandile Mahaye** (D Block East) to make the touch first in the junior event.

Founders proved to be the most consistent in the open water event achieving a 2nd position (**Nate Cochran**, B Block Founders) in the senior event and a 3<sup>rd</sup> position (**Gennaro Stravino**, D Block Founders) in the junior event, earning the highest combined total and a good head start for the gala.

Some of the events were tightly contested and made for some exciting entertainment

Congratulations must go to our age group champions:

U14: Gold - **Campbell Turner**, Silver - **Mpilo Khomo** and Bronze - **Bradley Bowen**

U15: Gold - **Bandile Mahaye**, Silver - **Samuel Gilson** and Bronze - **Cooper Morrison**

U16: Gold - **Mitchel Rodgers**, Silver - **Cameron Bowen** and Bronze **Matt Shannon**

U17: Gold - **Jed Reilly**, Silver - **Nathan Cochran** and Bronze - **Daniel Uys**

U19: Gold - **Kyle Heyns**, Silver - **Tane Greene** and Bronze - **Oliver Guy**

Special mention must go to **Bandile Mahaye** for breaking 5 individual records including a 26 year old record for the Junior Individual Medley and **Kyle Heyns** for breaking 2 individual records.

Trophies awarded on the night were as follows:

Junior Victor Ludorum: **Bandile Mahaye** (D Block East)

Under 17 Victor Ludorum: **Jed Reilly** (B Block Farfield)

Senior Victor Ludorum: **Kyle Heyns** (A Block Farfield)

Spirit Shield: McCormick

Winning House: Farfield



Above and Below: scenes from the Inter-House Gala



## Sport and Individual Achievements

### Cricket

Despite on-and-off rain throughout the day, Michaelhouse delivered an outstanding performance against Durban High School, winning 8 of the 11 completed fixtures across all age groups.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI set the tone with a comfortable six-wicket victory. After bowling DHS out for 133/7, Michaelhouse cruised to 136/4 in just 29 overs. **Liam O'Dwyer** starred with the ball, taking 4/18 in 10 overs, while **Benjamin Heuer** blasted 50 off 34 balls.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI chased down DHS's 213/8 in 37.4 overs for another six-wicket win. **Nathan Simons** was superb with 3/15 in 10 overs, while **Henry Love** (68)\* and **James Mallett** (66) anchored the chase with a match-winning partnership.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI produced the days best bowling display, dismissing DHS for just 63. **Sharav Reddy** (4/13), **Callum Fly** (3/8) and **Heath Turner** (3/12) tore through the opposition before Michaelhouse secured a four-wicket victory.

The 4<sup>th</sup> XI completed the senior sweep with a dominant nine-wicket win, restricting DHS to 59/5 before cruising to 63/1 in just 6.4 overs.

The U14A struggled in their first match, while the U16A were bowled out for 118 despite **Nishay Sudhoowa's** fighting 52. The U16B fixture was abandoned due to rain.

The U14B posted a comprehensive win, defeating DHS by 89 runs. **Fynn Mc Kenna** scored 62 off 55 balls before **Joseph Bates (3/6)** helped dismiss DHS for just 57.

The U14C held their nerve to defend 108, restricting DHS to 101 for a thrilling 7-run victory. The U15B dominated with bat and ball, posting 156/7 before **Jock Lewis (4/15)** and **Lukholo Matanzima (3/2)** bowled DHS out for 62. The U15A successfully defended 156/8, with **James Velleman (51)** anchoring the innings before the bowlers dismissed DHS for 139.

The U14D came agonizingly close, posting 85/9 before DHS scraped home at 86/8 by two wickets, despite **Barnaby Webb's** excellent 3/23.



4<sup>th</sup> XI after their win against DHS



**James Mallet and Henry Love** after their 142 run partnership!

### Water Polo

Michaelhouse played host to 40 games this past Saturday, with Michaelhouse teams involved in most of these. In addition, some teams travelled down to Kearsney for their games. A total of 29 games were played, 22 won, 5 lost, 2 drawn. 3 of these losses were staggered games. Well done to all the coaches and players on an excellent day of water polo.

The following results were recorded:

U14A - vs DHS won 11-0 and vs Kearsney College won 8-6

U14B - vs St Charles College U14A won 8-4, vs Kearsney College lost 4-7 and vs Highbury Prep U13A drew 5-5

U14C - vs Highbury Prep U13A lost 2-4, vs St Charles College U14A won 5-3 and vs Kearsney College U14C won 10-4

U15A - vs DHS won 11-3 and vs Kearsney College won 6-2

U15B - vs Michaelhouse U15C won 15-1, vs St Charles College U15A won 12-2 and vs Kearsney College won 8-6

U15C - vs Kearsney College U15B lost 0-15 and vs St Charles College U15A lost 2-8

1<sup>st</sup> team - vs DHS won 13-4, vs Kearsney College won 12-10 (penalties 9-9)

2<sup>nd</sup> team - vs Thomas More 1<sup>sts</sup> won 6-5, vs Kearsney College drew 5-5, vs Curro 1<sup>sts</sup> won 6-3, vs DHS won 12-2 and vs St Charles College 1<sup>sts</sup> won 13-6

3<sup>rd</sup> team - vs Thomas More 2<sup>nds</sup> won 9-2, vs Kearsney College won 8-5, vs St Charles College 2<sup>nds</sup> won 9-3

4<sup>th</sup> team - vs Kearsney College won 11-4

5<sup>th</sup> team - vs Kearsney College lost 3-4

6<sup>th</sup> team - vs Kearsney College won 7-5

7<sup>th</sup> team - vs Michaelhouse 8<sup>ths</sup> won 5-3



**Nick Goeller** (C Block) coolly progresses Michaelhouse up the pool on attack



**Connor Wilson** (B Block) defends a Thomas More attack



**Nicholas Wulfsohn** (B Block) in action versus Thomas More



**Alex Bothner** (A Block) at full stretch, as he looks to play the centre forward on attack.

## Basketball

Our teams played against Durban High School, this past weekend, at home. Playing 17 games, winning 10 and losing 7:

U14A lost 18-21, U14B lost 7-9, U14C won 13-11 and U14D lost 5-16

U15A won 27-13, U15B won 21-9, U15C lost 6-18 and U15D lost 7-14

U16A won 26-23, U16B won 20-10, U16C lost 11-22 and U16D won 13-12

1<sup>st</sup> team won 65-63, 2<sup>nd</sup> team won 29-18, 3<sup>rd</sup> team won 31-19, 4<sup>th</sup> team lost 12-16 and 5<sup>th</sup> team vs Michaelhouse 6<sup>ths</sup> won 34-19



**Michael Ngorima** with ball in hand looking to pass



**Cameron Schwegmann** taking a layup towards the hoop



**Nkateko Mathebula** dribbling down the hall



2<sup>nd</sup> Basketball team after their 29-18 win against DHS

## Canoeing

Dusi preparation has begun in earnest with 2 races being held on the Dusi course over the weekend. The 50-Miler took place on Saturday from Dusi Bridge to Mfula Store, with the river flowing at a medium level. Racing in the senior category, **Duncan Roberts** & Mr Roberts finished 18th overall and **Jamie Grantham** & Mr Snyman 40th overall. **Sam Hoy** finished 59th overall and 7th in the U18 age group. On Sunday, **Sam Hoy** also participated in the Inanda Dam to Durban race. The river was running at a low level and he finished 9th in the U18 category.

## Team of the Week: Mr Ryan Ravenscroft: Head of Sport

Choosing a Team of the Week was once again an almost impossible task after such a positive weekend. Our results across the board were superb. While the challenge laid down was to start strongly, consistency is key for me in sport, and I hope we go into this weekend still hungry to improve.

To our three captains — Cameron, Graydon, and Ollie — well done on leading your teams to such impressive victories. The First Teams in particular set the tone for the year, and while I may feel this is expected, it certainly does not go unappreciated. Thank you. I cannot, unfortunately, choose between the three of you, as that would be an unfair decision.

Looking at the results across all teams and sports was exceptional. However, when reflecting on last year and seeing the improvement of a team that previously struggled to secure wins, the performance against DHS truly stood out. To win away from home by 94 runs was outstanding. I would also like to add that your coach spoke highly of your impeccable behaviour throughout the day.

For travelling away and winning in such convincing fashion, the accolade of *Team of the Week* goes to the U15B cricket team.

## Important Swimming Information

### *uMgungundlovu Trials*

uMgungundlovu trials take place on Sunday 25 January at 11h30 at 18 Pine Street, Pietermaritzburg. If you would like your son to swim at these district trials please read the linked document [- 2026 - Letter Information](#) and then:

1. Fill in the Microsoft form [\(UMGUNGUNDLOVU HIGH SCHOOLS' SWIMMING TRIALS ENTRY FORM\)](#) .
2. Fill in the PDF copy of the [2026 District registration form](#) (you can fill this in using PDF editor). This is for Mrs Lynch's records, and she will have it with her on Sunday at the trials.
3. Make payment and send a copy of the Proof of Payment to [dallyn@michaelhouse.org](mailto:dallyn@michaelhouse.org)

Please use the following information on the Microsoft form and the PDF form.

NAME OF SCHOOL: Michaelhouse

SCHOOL CONTACT PERSON: Mrs Dale Lynch

CONTACT NUMBER: 033 234 1000

EMAIL ADDRESS: [dallyn@michaelhouse.org](mailto:dallyn@michaelhouse.org)

Michaelhouse will provide transport to and from the event on Sunday afternoon. If your son is on leave, you will be required to get him to the pool in Pietermaritzburg for registration or to Michaelhouse by 10h00 on Sunday morning. Please let Mrs Lynch know if your son requires transport.

### *Midmar Mile*

Midmar Mile pre-entries close this week. If you would like your son to swim the Midmar Mile, please enter in your personal capacity and enter Sunday's Event 8 Boys/Men (14 – 30yr). Michaelhouse will assist with transport to and from the event. A link to a form will be shared with the boys so that they can indicate their transport requirements.

## Sport Information

Please find below some helpful information for navigating the Michaelhouse Sporting apps and accessing sport-related details.

### Term Calendar

Michaelhouse calendars and term dates can be viewed [here](#).

- **Away games** are marked with an asterisk (\*).
- **Venues not yet confirmed** will show “Venue TBC.”
- **Home games at Michaelhouse** will have no asterisk or “Venue TBC.”

## Sport Fixtures

- Saturday sport fixtures are included in the **eNews on Wednesday** where possible.
- Updates or amendments are uploaded to the **SportsCap/Michaelhouse Sport website** the day before the match.
- Please note: delays can occur if we are awaiting team confirmations from other schools, or if other schools cannot raise teams due to illness or injury.

## Accessing SportsCap:

1. Visit the Michaelhouse Sport / SportsCap website.
2. Select **Sports Fixtures** from the dropdown menu.
3. Click on the fixture of interest to see all details, including team lists (published by Friday morning).

## Mobile App:

- Download the **Michaelhouse Sports** app from your App store.
- Sign in using your email address.
- The app provides a convenient way to access fixtures, venues, and team lists.

## Master-in-Charge Contacts

For queries regarding a specific sport, please contact the relevant Master-in-Charge (MiC) directly:

Sport	MiC Name	Email Address
Athletics	Mr Righardt Kotze	<a href="mailto:reckot@michaelhouse.org">reckot@michaelhouse.org</a>
Basketball	Mr Simphiwe Xulu	<a href="mailto:simxul@michaelhouse.org">simxul@michaelhouse.org</a>
Canoeing	Mr Stuart Roberts	<a href="mailto:sturob@michaelhouse.org">sturob@michaelhouse.org</a>
Cricket	Mr Brandon Venter	<a href="mailto:braven@michaelhouse.org">braven@michaelhouse.org</a>
Cross Country	Mrs Lieschen Harrison	<a href="mailto:liehar@michaelhouse.org">liehar@michaelhouse.org</a>
Golf	Mr Jeremy Cahill	<a href="mailto:jercah@michaelhouse.org">jercah@michaelhouse.org</a>
Hockey	Mr Grant von Mayer	<a href="mailto:gravon@michaelhouse.org">gravon@michaelhouse.org</a>
Rugby	Mr James Fleming	<a href="mailto:jamesf@michaelhouse.org">jamesf@michaelhouse.org</a>
Soccer	Mr Sanele Zikhali	<a href="mailto:sanzik@michaelhouse.org">sanzik@michaelhouse.org</a>
Squash	Mr Matthew Higginson	<a href="mailto:mathig@michaelhouse.org">mathig@michaelhouse.org</a>
Swimming	Mrs Dale Lynch	<a href="mailto:dallyn@michaelhouse.org">dallyn@michaelhouse.org</a>
Tennis	Mr Mike Sevenoaks	<a href="mailto:micsev@michaelhouse.org">micsev@michaelhouse.org</a>
Water Polo	Mr Justin McDougall	<a href="mailto:jusmcd@michaelhouse.org">jusmcd@michaelhouse.org</a>

## Head of Sport:

Mr Ryan Ravenscroft – [ryarav@michaelhouse.org](mailto:ryarav@michaelhouse.org)

## Urgent Queries

For urgent sport-related queries or to book a meeting with the **Head of Sport**, please contact Mrs Lauren Thompson our **Co-Curricular Administrator**, who will direct you to the appropriate person:

Lauren Thompson – [lautho@michaelhouse.org](mailto:lautho@michaelhouse.org) | 033 234 1012

## Michaelhouse Channels of Communication

Here is some help with the lines of communication with staff at the school. For most issues in boys' lives the Housemaster is the first point of contact. The Housemaster will then engage with relevant staff members in order to resolve problems. A brief summary of communication channels is listed below for your information:

I am concerned about	First contact	Also Contact/Notify	If issue not resolved then contact
My son in the classroom	Class Teacher/Head of Department	Housemaster	Deputy Rector Academic
Academic Support	Head of Academic Support	Housemaster	Deputy Rector Academic
My son in his House	Housemaster		Deputy Rector Pastoral
General Medical Issues	San Sister/relevant practitioner	Housemaster	Deputy Rector Pastoral
Specific medical treatment	Medical Practitioner	San Sister	Mr James Fleming
General Academic Issues	Deputy Rector Academic		Rector
Cultural Issues	Senior Master Culture	Deputy Rector: Pupils	Rector
Psychological Issues	Housemaster	Counsellor	Deputy Rector Pastoral
Spiritual Issues	Chaplain	Housemaster	Rector
Sport Issues	MiC of particular Sport	Senior Master: Sport	Deputy Rector Pupils
Sport teams, fixtures etc	MiC of particular Sport	Senior Master: Sport	Deputy Rector Pupils
Finance: Account queries	Finance Director's PA	Finance Manager	Finance Director
Marketing	Admissions Manager		Rector
Community Partnership	CP Manager		Chaplain
Transport	Transport Co-ordinator		Deputy Rector Pupils

International parents may also wish to contact **Mrs Riette White** (RieWhi@michaelhouse.org or +27 82 828 8066) to assist with specific things which a mother living in South Africa might do for her son.

Mrs Win de Wet is the Acting Rector, Ms Karin Moffat is the Acting Deputy Rector: Pupils and Mr Sibusiso Ncamani is the Deputy Rector: Pastoral.

We hope this helps you establish the appropriate channel of communication.

## Prize Giving Ceremony and 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Half Term

Please note that the school's annual Prize Giving Ceremony (as opposed to our Speech Day which is in the 4th quarter) takes place on the evening of Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 17h00. Boys in A-D Block will be able to leave for the half term weekend with their parents after this event. All buses to airports, Durban and Pietermaritzburg, the Johannesburg bus, Bloemfontein bus, Pavilion and Ballito bus will depart Michaelhouse on Thursday 19 February at 07h30. It is important that parents ensure you book any flights in a manner respectful of the half term and term dates and times.

### E Block

E Block boys do not attend the Prize Giving Ceremony (as opposed to Speech Day), as it is for A-D Block boys. The E Block have Inter-House Cross Country on Wednesday afternoon and may go home after their

commitments are complete around 16h00. Should you have any queries about this please contact your Housemaster for clarification.

## 2026 B Block Confirmation Camp – Reverend Chris Meyer

Many thanks to those who have already indicated whether or not your son is planning to attend the Michaelhouse Confirmation Camp from 15 to 18 February 2026. For those who have not yet completed the form, please click on the link below (it will take only a few moments to do so).

[Michaelhouse Confirmation Camp 2026 – Fill out form](#)

## Grade 8 2027 Admissions Reminder



## Michaelhouse Community Partnership Trust News

Please click on the image below to access up to date information on CPT.



## Michaelhouse Bank Confirmation Letter and Insurance Letter

Please click on the links below to access the relevant letters from the Finance Director, Ms Joni Warbuton:

[Bank Confirmation Letter](#)

[School Insurance Letter](#)



An open invitation to E block parents  
to pray for our boys

**23 January 9:30-10:00**

*In the Chapel look out for signage parents that pray*

#### Important Documents for Parents

Please click on the below link to read the relevant policy/letter:

[Transport Letter](#)

With my best wishes

**WIN DE WET**  
ACTING RECTOR

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DATE	TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME	FORMAT
23 January	3rd	Maritzburg College	Nicholson's*	14:30	T20
23 January	U16B	Maritzburg College	Lamond's*	14:30	30 Overs
23 January	U16C	Maritzburg College	Leach's*	14:30	T20
24 January	1st	Maritzburg College	Roy Gathorne Oval	09:00	2-Day
24 January	2nd	Maritzburg College	Goldstones*	09:00	50 Overs
24 January	4th	Maritzburg College	Willows	09:00	T20
24 January	5th	Maritzburg College	Collegians*	09:00	T20
24 January	U16A	Maritzburg College	Hannahs	09:00	50 Overs
24 January	U15A	Maritzburg College	Tarpeys	09:00	50 Overs
24 January	U15B	Maritzburg College	Barns*	09:00	35 Overs
24 January	U15C/U14E	Maritzburg College U15E	Leach's*	14:30	T20
24 January	U14A	Maritzburg College	Holley's	09:00	50 Overs
24 January	U14B	Maritzburg College	Snows*	09:00	35 Overs
24 January	U14C	Maritzburg College	Willows	13:00	T20
24 January	U14D	Maritzburg College U14E	Clifton Notties*	13:00	T20
25 January	1st	Maritzburg College	Roy Gathorne Oval	09:00	2-Day (cont.)

\*Denotes away games

**CRICKET vs MARITZBURG COLLEGE**  
**Friday 23 & Saturday 24 January 2026 (Home/Away)**



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TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
1st	Maritzburg College	Short Course - Floating	13:00
2nd	Maritzburg College	Short Course - Floating	12:20
3rd	Maritzburg College	New Pool - OBC Side	10:00
4th	Maritzburg College	New Pool - Railway Side	09:30
5th	Maritzburg College	New Pool - Railway Side	09:00
6th	Maritzburg College	New Pool - Railway Side	08:30
7th	Maritzburg College	New Pool - Railway Side	08:00
8th	Maritzburg College 7th	New Pool - Railway Side	10:00
U15A	Maritzburg College	Short Course - Floating	11:40
U15B	Maritzburg College	New Pool - OBC Side	09:30
U15C	Maritzburg College U15B	New Pool - OBC Side	08:30
U14A	Maritzburg College	Short Course - Floating	11:00
U14B	Maritzburg College	New Pool - OBC Side	09:00
U14C	Maritzburg College	New Pool - OBC Side	08:00

**WATER POLO vs MARITZBURG COLLEGE**  
**Saturday 24 January 2026 (Home)**



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TEAM	OPPONENT	VENUE	TIME
2nd	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 1	12:30
3rd	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 2	12:30
4th	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 1	11:30
5th	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 2	11:30
6th	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 3	11:30
7th	Maritzburg College	Outdoor Court 1	11:30
8th	Maritzburg College	Outdoor Court 2	11:30
U16A	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 1	10:30
U16B	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 2	10:30
U16C	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 3	10:30
U16D	Maritzburg College	Outdoor Court 1	10:30
U16E	Maritzburg College	Outdoor Court 2	10:30
U15A	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 1	09:30
U15B	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 2	09:30
U15C	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 3	09:30
U15D	Maritzburg College	Outdoor Court 1	09:30
U15E	Maritzburg College	Outdoor Court 2	09:30
U14A	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 1	08:30
U14B	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 2	08:30
U14C	Maritzburg College	Indoor Court 3	08:30
U14D	Maritzburg College	Outdoor Court 1	08:30
U14E	Maritzburg College	Outdoor Court 2	08:30

U16 Basketball Tournament taking place on Sunday 25 January (Home) - U16A/U16B teams participating

## BASKETBALL vs MARITZBURG COLLEGE Saturday 24 January 2026 (Home)

