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## A MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

We are pleased to present the 2024 Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust Impact Report, showcasing the transformative effect of our efforts on education in Makhanda, Eastern Cape, South Africa. As the most impoverished province in the country, the Eastern Cape faces significant barriers to quality education, making our mission more vital than ever.

Our commitment to breaking these barriers and fostering change is reflected in our support of five distinguished institutions: The Good Shepherd Primary School, Graeme College, Victoria Girls' High School, and St Andrew's College. While the Diocesan School for Girls did not have a recipient last year, we are delighted to welcome a scholarship recipient for the 2025 cohort.

In a region where economic hardship limits educational opportunities, the Trust continues to reshape the future for young learners. This report highlights the lasting impact of our support, enabling pupils to access an all-rounded education once beyond their reach.

In 2025, we are proud to support 17 talented high school students as Harry Birrell Scholars across five school years at our four partner schools in Makhanda. Whilst maintaining a key focus on identifying and supporting the transition of talented Good Shepherd pupils to high school, our Pathway of Excellence initiative now enables academically and athletically gifted children from humble backgrounds across the Eastern Cape to realise their full potential.

As part of the Pathway of Excellence, St Andrew's College and the Diocesan School for Girls recently made the first awards of these expanded scholarships, at a level of R100,000 per annum, to two talented scholars from the Eastern Cape city of East London. The intention is to identify and nurture such exceptional talent, with the inspiring hope that one or more of these scholars may one day become Rhodes Scholars.

Thanks to our supporters' generosity, we have doubled our financial support for scholarships and committed to a five-year funding strategy. Our long term goal is to sustain support for around 20 scholars in perpetuity, with the aim of achieving this by 2035 as the Trust then approaches the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its foundation.

To drive this vision, we recently launched the Patron's Court of Benefactors, with its inaugural dinner at the Garrick Club. We extend our sincere thanks to our founding members for their leadership and support, alongside that of the Birrell Blues and the Friends of the Trust all of whom are central to the Trust's capacity to deliver its continued support.

We invite you to explore the inspiring stories of the 2024 scholarship recipients whose personal growth reflects broader societal change. Our deepest gratitude goes to our benefactors and supporters—your generosity makes this transformation possible.

Thank you.

*The Trustees*

The Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust

*Aloe ferox*, an iconic feature of the Eastern Cape landscape, brings vibrant beauty during the winter months.

Photograph credit: St Andrew's College



## GRAEME COLLEGE

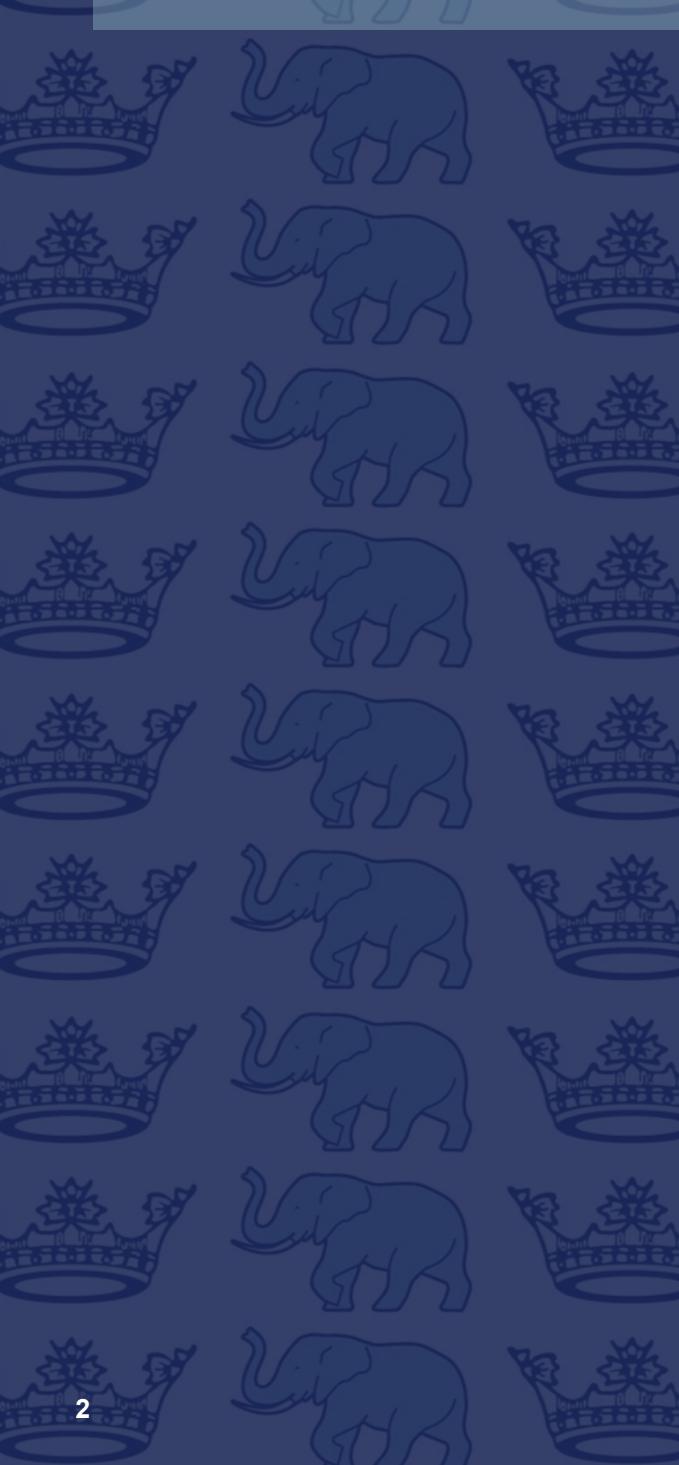
### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

**Mr Kevin M Watson**

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust for the incredible opportunities extended to the Graeme College learners who have been awarded scholarships. These learners are thriving, and the invaluable gift of education they have received is truly priceless.

The impact of these scholarships extends far beyond academics, fostering personal growth, confidence, and future prospects. We deeply appreciate the Trust's generous support, which continues to play a pivotal role in shaping their futures.

Thank you once again for your commitment to education and for making such a meaningful difference in the lives of our learners.





## GRAEME COLLEGE

Established in 1873, Graeme College educates boys from Grade 00 to Grade 12, including an Enrichment Year. The unique single-structure setting provides students with the rare opportunity to complete their entire school career in one place, fostering a distinctive atmosphere. As a traditional boys-only school, Graeme College prioritises commitment, hard work, involvement, sportsmanship, and positive development, as reflected in the motto *Virtute et Opera*.

Graeme College aims to create an environment that emphasises respect for everyone's rights, encouraging individual boys to recognise their duties and obligations to society. The staff cherishes the pupils, witnessing their growth from small pre-schoolers to confident young men. Offering numerous opportunities, Graeme College's ultimate goal is to see the young men of Graeme striving to maximise these opportunities on their journey to reach their full potential.

 [www.graemecollege.co.za](http://www.graemecollege.co.za)

### 2024 Scholarship Recipients



*Laylon Marthinus.*

Grade 8



Laylon balances academics and sport with dedication. A key player in the U14A rugby team, he scored eight tries throughout the season. While sport is his passion, he remains committed to his studies, excelling in Afrikaans First Additional Language and Mathematics. Despite challenges, he embraces school life with enthusiasm and continues to thrive both on and off the field.

*Adriano Matroos.*

Grade 8



Adriano excelled academically, earning a place in the Mathematics A Club and achieving 84% and 82% in Economic Management Sciences (EMS) in the second and third terms of 2024, respectively. He has maintained an average of 70% and above across key subjects, including Mathematics, EMS, Natural Science, Life Orientation, and Afrikaans First Additional Language. Beyond academics, he is also exploring his musical talents as a member of the beginner steelpan group.

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*I am truly grateful to the trustees and donors for giving me the opportunity to attend Graeme College. This has been the greatest opportunity of my life, and I believe many other scholars feel the same. I am grateful for the continued support from the bottom of my heart.*

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- Laylon Marthinus

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*I am deeply grateful to the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust donors and trustees for their unwavering support. Their generosity has enabled me to pursue my academic and extracurricular passions, and I am thankful for the opportunities their support has provided.*

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- Adriano Matroos



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### 2024 Scholarship Recipients Cont.



*Iminathi Ngqiyaza,*

Grade 8



Iminathi earned the Vernal isiXhosa Prize in 2024. With a 69% academic average for Term 4, Iminathi has shown dedication to both academics and extracurricular activities. A talented athlete, Iminathi plays for the Under 15A rugby team and also participates in the Steelband. Iminathi aspires to represent the Graeme College 1st Team and take on a leadership role as a prefect. Looking ahead, Iminathi plans to further his studies at Rhodes University, continuing to excel both academically and personally.

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*I am really grateful for the opportunity that the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust has given me, and I promise to use it as an advantage to help me build a great future for myself. When I first came to Graeme College, I was really scared, but the comfort and brotherhood from the boys and the teachers made me feel at home quickly. My primary goals are to earn an academic tie and to play for the Grant Khomo EP team by the end of next year. I promise to make the Trust proud and make the most of this opportunity. I'm truly grateful for your kindness.*

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*- Iminathi Ngqiyaza*

*Xabiso Gedze,*

Grade 9



Xabiso Gedze is a dedicated student who received a certificate of achievement in the Mathematics Olympiad and consistently maintained an academic average of 68-69% throughout 2024. He actively participates in extracurricular activities, including joining the Under 15B rugby team, the First Aid Team, the Steel Band group, and becoming a librarian in the school library. Over time, Xabiso has developed strong social skills, becoming more open and building positive relationships with his peers. He is focused on improving his academic performance and aspires to pursue a career in law after university.

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*I would like to thank the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust donors and trustees for their trust in me and for their continued support throughout the year. I could never be where I am without all of you. Thank you very much, and I hope you can continue providing your service to other pupils. Thank you again.*

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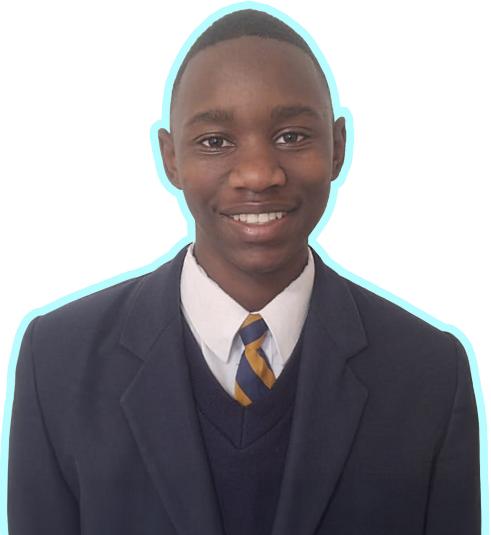
*- Xabiso Gedze*



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### 2024 Scholarship Recipients Cont.



*Tyler de Jongh.*  
Grade 9



Tyler de Jongh had a successful year at Graeme College, earning both a Culture Achievement Award and an Academic Merit Award. Despite facing challenges, Tyler has persevered and made great strides academically. Taking full advantage of Graeme's wide range of extracurricular activities, Tyler participated in tennis, rugby, and athletics. The year 2024 was a turning point socially, with Tyler improving his social skills through involvement in Graeme's Community Outreach programme. Looking ahead, Tyler aims to pursue further education and follow his dream of becoming an accountant.

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*I would like to thank the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust donors and Trustees for the opportunity they have given me and my friends to study at such a prestigious institution as Graeme College.*

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*- Tyler de Jongh*

*Caleb Manyika.*  
Grade 10



Caleb excelled academically, especially in the year-end examinations, where he outperformed the class average in Mathematics, Physical Science, and Accounting. After completing his matric, Caleb plans to further his studies at university, with a focus on computer science and information systems. He aspires to study at either the University of Oxford or the University of Cape Town to pursue his academic and career goals.

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*I am deeply grateful to the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust and its donors for their generosity. Thank you for believing in my potential and investing in my future.*

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*- Caleb Manyika*



## GRAEME COLLEGE

🌐 [www.graemecollege.co.za](http://www.graemecollege.co.za)

### 2024 Scholarship Recipients Cont.



**Libongo Mata.**  
Grade 10



Libongo Mata has achieved an average of 65% and was actively involved in rugby. Although his ultimate goal is to become a farmer, Libongo plans to first pursue a law degree before following his passion for agriculture.

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*I am very grateful for the opportunity afforded to me by the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust. Without it, I would have never been able to afford to study at such a prestigious school.*

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- Libongo Mata



**Anezisa Mofu.**  
Grade 12

Anezisa Mofu was elected Prefect Head of Culture and Diversity and awarded Full Leadership Colours. At Prize Giving, he received the Bruce Biggs Trophy for his contribution to hostel life. He earned an Academic Tie, participated in the Xhosa Olympiad, and received the Academic Diligence Award, Top Effort for Terms 1 and 2, and was recognised as the best second-language IsiXhosa speaker. Anezisa played for the 2nd Tennis Team and received a Certificate of Achievement for Tennis. His matric year taught him patience and time management, as he organised Culture Night, which included a short play he wrote and directed. Anezisa is passionate about the entertainment industry, with aspirations in acting, modelling, content creation, and producing. Aware of the challenges in the field, Anezisa plans to study industrial psychology as a backup, ensuring a solid degree in case things don't go as planned.

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*I have no words to express how grateful I am. Thank you for the generous funding you provided for my high school education. Your support has been instrumental in helping me achieve my academic goals and pursue my passions.*

*Your trust in me means the world, and I'm grateful for the opportunities this funding has afforded me. I'm honoured to have had the chance to benefit from your support, and I look forward to making the most of this opportunity.*

*Once again, thank you to the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust.*

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- Anezisa Mofu



Matriculated, December 2024



ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

#### Mr Tom Hamilton

At St Andrew's College, we have witnessed first-hand the extraordinary impact of the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust on the lives of our students and the broader school community. Through the Trust's unwavering support, young people from the Eastern Cape—many from deeply disadvantaged backgrounds—are empowered to access an education that would otherwise be beyond reach. Two shining examples of this impact are Mida Mkhontso and Douglas Ndumiso Plaatjie, whose journeys reflect the transformative potential of opportunity matched with talent and determination.

Mida finished his third year of study at St Andrew's College on a strong note in 2024. His work ethic over the past twelve months has been second to none, both in his academics and on the sports field. Mida has consistently demonstrated resilience and determination, going from strength to strength with each passing term. I am thrilled with his progress and wish him well in his final six terms at College.

The 2024 academic year marked several highlights in Douglas' journey at St Andrew's College. These included his selection as the band leader for the drill squad and, as the cherry on top, a nomination for prefectship in Graham House. Douglas has been a solid citizen of the school over the past four years and has maintained a high academic standard. His involvement in cultural activities saw him excel once again in 2024. We are especially proud of this local Makhanda boy, who has truly shot the lights out, and is a most deserving recipient of the Harry Birrell Scholarship.

These young men remind us that talent is everywhere—what's too often missing is access. That is why we are especially proud to support the Pathway of Excellence initiative, which provides academically and athletically gifted children from across the Eastern Cape with a holistic, high-quality education.

On behalf of College, I extend our deepest gratitude to the Trustees of the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust.



ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE

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Founded in 1855 in the heart of the Eastern Cape, St Andrew's College is an independent all boys school, steeped in history and tradition, yet driven by innovation and progressive learning. This premium Anglican boarding school caters for pupils from Grade 8 to 12, offering a robust academic programme, enriching extra-mural initiatives and a wholesome residential life.

Equipped with a world class education, combined with essential life skills, young Andreans are fortified to lead and empower. They will join an extensive and supportive network of countless successful Old Andreans. The school motto is *Nec Aspera Terrent*- this ideal of fearless acceptance encapsulates what the school aims to instill in its pupils as preparation for future life.



[www.sacschool.com](http://www.sacschool.com)

## 2024 Scholarship Recipients



**Douglas Plaatjie,**  
Grade 11



Douglas Plaatjie was appointed as the Deputy Head of Graham House Prefect for 2025, Pipe Band Drum Sergeant, and Guard of Honour Drum Major. Over the past year, he has achieved solid academic results while actively participating in rugby, basketball, and cultural activities. These experiences have helped develop his leadership, teamwork, and creative skills, while building strong relationships with peers and teachers. Douglas plans to study either Pharmacy or Law. He is drawn to Law for its focus on legal systems and advocacy, while Pharmacy offers a blend of science and healthcare. The opportunity to study further excites Douglas for the personal growth, independence, and resilience they will foster, preparing him for a successful future.

**Mida Nkonto,**  
Grade 10

Mida Nkonto ranked in the Top 10 academically for 2024 and received multiple awards, including the Improvement Academic Prize, Academic Honours, and the IsiXhosa Academic Prize. He was also part of the 16A rugby team. Mida is focused on pursuing a structured future, with plans to attend either the University of Cape Town (UCT) or the University of Pretoria (UP). He is committed to maintaining high academic standards, excelling in competitive sports, and fostering strong social connections. With a goal to study Medicine and specialize in orthopaedics, Mida aims to build a meaningful career, create a happy family, and live a life full of memories and success. Despite being encouraged to study abroad, Mida prefers to pursue his path in South Africa and make a lasting impact.

**“**  
*I am deeply grateful for your generous support, which has eased the financial burden of my education and allowed me to focus on my academic and personal growth. Your generosity has strengthened my commitment to excellence, and I hope to one day give back in the same way.*  
**”**

- Douglas Plaatjie

**“**  
*The Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust has not only provided me with an opportunity, but it has also provided me with a future, and for that, I am deeply grateful.*  
**”**

- Mida Nkonto



## VICTORIA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

#### Mr Warren Schmidt

Victoria Girls' High School extends its sincere thanks to the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust for its generous support of several of our pupils over the years.

We believe that Victoria Girls' continues to be a school that can fundamentally transform the lives of those who attend, offering a broad range of opportunities aimed at empowering and uplifting the young women of tomorrow. Thanks to the support of the HBST, more pupils have been able to access and benefit from these opportunities.

We are deeply grateful to the Trust for helping to ensure that the doors of possibility remain open to all.



## VICTORIA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

Victoria Girls' High School is a Proudly South African all girls senior school situated in historical Makhanda, South Africa. The school caters to pupils from Grades 8 to 12 and offers a holistic educational approach through a variety of academic subjects, sports, cultural and co-curricular activities. They offer both termly and weekly boarding facilities in their newly-renovated hostels.

In their day-to-day school life, through teaching and learning, they continually strive to embody their three core values: Passion, Integrity and Excellence.

 [www.vghs.co.za](http://www.vghs.co.za)

### 2024 Scholarship Recipients



*Kiah Fourie,*  
Grade 8



Kiah Fourie has been an active participant in a variety of co-curricular activities, including netball and soccer. She also took the initiative to learn how to swim and dedicated time to practicing her swimming in the first term. In addition to her sports involvement, Kiah contributed to Christians in Action and participated in debating.

Academically, Kiah performed adequately throughout the year, finishing in the top third of her grade. She is determined to finish her time at Victoria Girls' High School with a strong set of Grade 12 results and plans to pursue her studies in Medicine at university.

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*The Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust has played a significant role in my first year of high school and will continue to play a crucial role in my future. The financial support I have received has helped me throughout the year. When I finish high school, I would like to attend university and pursue a career in medicine.*

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*- Kiah Fourie*

*Beyanté Marthinus,*  
Grade 8



Beyanté Marthinus has been an active participant in a variety of co-curricular activities, including netball and hockey. She also took the initiative to learn how to swim and dedicated time to practicing her swimming in the first term. In addition to her sports involvement, Beyanté contributed to Christians in Action and participated in debating.

Academically, Beyanté performed well throughout the year, finishing 12th out of 90 pupils. She too is set to finish with a strong set of Grade 12 results and pursue Medicine at university.

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*The Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust has made a huge impact on my life, making it easier for my mom to support me through high school. The Trust assists with my school uniform, sporting items, and stationery. I am truly grateful to the HBST—without their support, my mother would have had to sacrifice so much more for me. After matric, I plan to study medicine and become a surgeon.*

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*- Beyanté Marthinus*



## 2024 Scholarship Recipients Cont.



*Lunje Hoboshe.*

Grade 12



Lunje Hoboshe was the recipient of multiple prestigious awards in her final year, including the Newcombe Bowl for Musical Excellence, the Dr Bobbins Poetry Award, Academic Colours, and Certificates for Exceptional Service to the Marimba Band as well as for Diligence.

A committed and engaged member of the school community, Lunje played an active role in school life throughout her time with us. She was a valued member of the Grade 12 Leadership Team and participated enthusiastically in the co-curricular programme, contributing significantly both in the Music School and on the sports field.

Lunje has applied to study Law at Rhodes University. Her strong matric results would have positioned her well for admission into her chosen field of study.

“

*Through the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust, I have been given the opportunity to attend an excellent high school, easing the financial burden on my parents. I've also been able to choose a musical instrument to play, allowing me to express myself creatively.*

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- Lunje Hoboshe



Matriculated, December 2024



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## THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

#### Mr Jannie de Villiers

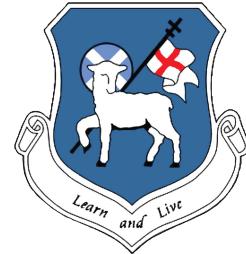
The Diocesan School for Girls can look back with pride and gratitude on 2024 – its 150th anniversary year. It has been a particularly successful year in which DSG remained in demand and was filled to capacity with applications from across South Africa and the world. Among the rich diversity of pupils at DSG are several high potential scholarship holders in every grade who would not have been able to attend the school without the generous financial support of donors such as the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust.

One of the strategic goals of our scholarship programme at DSG is to identify and equip girls of colour from disadvantaged circumstances who demonstrate the intellectual and leadership potential to become Rhodes Scholars in the future. The Harry Birrell Scholarship is specifically earmarked for enabling access to such exceptional candidates. Our concerted efforts were rewarded in 2024 when one such a scholarship holder, and DSG Head Girl of 2020, Oyama Mzayidume, was announced Rhodes Scholar elect for 2025 to attend Oxford University where she will further her post-graduate studies in Law.

The explosive power of the right combination of potential, character, and quality education is illustrated by the fact that Oyama Mzayidume grew from a wide-eyed 13-year-old in 2016 to a Rhodes Scholar and global difference-maker within a time span of only 3,285 days!

With the increase in the annual HBST contribution in 2023, DSG was able to award the Harry Birrell Scholarship 2024 to another outstanding student, Luminathi Gwarube. We are excited to support Luminathi in her high school journey and look forward to partnering with the HBST in her academic and personal development.

Once again, we say THANK YOU for the continued support of the HBST.



## GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

### MESSAGE FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRUST

**Mrs Cathy Meiklejohn, Trust Manager**

The Good Shepherd School is deeply appreciative of the financial support from the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust, which made it possible to transport all 40 Grade 6 students to the annual camp and cover the costs of food, accommodation, and facilitators for the weekend. As expressed by Mr Thulani Wana, Principal of Good Shepherd School:

*"We as the Good Shepherd family would like to send our sincerest gratitude to the Harry Birrell Trust for their continued support. These camps are important for our children's holistic development."*



## GOOD SHEPHERD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Established in 1844, Good Shepherd Primary School in Makhanda stands as one of the oldest educational institutions in the area. Despite its central location in the bustling business district of Makhanda, the school predominantly serves disadvantaged pupils. The pupils receive their education in the English language. Good Shepherd Primary School accommodates both girls and boys, providing quality education from grades 1 to 7, catering to the ages of 6 to 13.

Good Shepherd School has a rich tradition as an Anglican School. It is now a 'Public School on Private Property', with the Good Shepherd Trust having stewardship of the school buildings and property. The Good Shepherd School serves as the feeder institution for many of the Harry Birrell Scholarship awards.

 [www.goodshepherdgrahamstown.com](http://www.goodshepherdgrahamstown.com)

### 2024 Leadership Camp

The Grade 6 Leadership Camp was held in Term 4 of 2024 at the Thomas Baines Environmental Education Centre, located near Settlers Dam outside Grahamstown. The learners were excited to be in a new environment, and the camp was a huge success. They were accompanied by three staff members, including the Principal, Mr. Thulani Wana.

The main purpose of the Leadership Camp was to observe how the learners respond in an unfamiliar setting outside the normal school context. This experience is often revealing and helps in the selection of student leaders for the following year. It allows educators to see a different side of the learners that may not be apparent in the school environment.

During the camp, the learners were given tasks such as cooking and washing dishes, played team games, and engaged in outdoor activities. They were taken on a 5km bushwalk, during which they learned about the conservation of plants and animals. These activities helped take learners out of their comfort zones and revealed their strengths and weaknesses.

The camp highlighted leadership skills such as listening, teamwork, supporting one another, and showing initiative. The learners worked in groups to create songs and a dance routine, allowing them to perform, showcase their creativity, and develop new friendships. All tasks and challenges required a level of leadership and camaraderie.



# 2025 Scholarship Awards

Two scholars supported by the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust, Anezisa and Lunje, successfully completed their schooling in December 2024 at our esteemed partner schools in Makhanda. As we bid farewell to these accomplished individuals, we are excited to welcome a new cohort of scholarship recipients for the 2025 academic year. All six new recipients will begin their educational journeys at their respective schools, continuing the legacy of empowering deserving young students. Notably, twelve of the current recipients are alumni of Good Shepherd School.

## The following pupils have been awarded a scholarship for 2025:

### **GRAEME COLLEGE**

\*Kaino Meyers, Grade 8 (GSS)  
Adriano Matroos, Grade 9 (GSS)  
Iminathi Quiyaza, Grade 9 (GSS)  
Laylon Marthinus, Grade 9 (GSS)  
Tyler de Jongh, Grade 10 (GSS)  
Xabiso Gedze, Grade 10 (GSS)  
\*Lucritia Magua, Grade 10  
Libonga Mata, Grade 11 (GSS)  
Caleb Manyika, Grade 11 (GSS)  
\*Erin Nelson, Grade 11

### **THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

\*Luminathi Gwarube, Grade 8

### **VICTORIA GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL**

\*Qhayiya Fosi, Grade 8 (GSS)  
Kiah Fourie, Grade 9 (GSS)  
Beyante Marthinus, Grade 9 (GSS)

### **ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE**

\*Musa Tatana, Grade 8  
Mida Nkonto, Grade 11  
Douglas Plaatjie, Grade 12 (GSS)

\* Denotes new Harry Birrell Scholarship recipients

# Congratulations!

The Trustees extend their heartfelt wishes to the HBST Scholars for a successful and fulfilling academic year in 2025.



*Kaino Meyers, a GSS alumnus, has begun Grade 8 at Graeme College. Kaino was born in Makhanda and currently lives with his mother and grandmother. His mother works as an Admin Clerk at Oak Cottage Spar and is a supportive and present figure in his life, being his sole provider.*



*Another GSS alumnus, Qhayiya Fosi, has begun her Grade 8 at Victoria Girls' High School. Living with her grandmother while her mother works in Nanaga, she excels academically and athletically, representing Sarah Baartman in Athletics and Netball for two consecutive years.*



*Luminathi Gwarube has started Grade 8 at The Diocesan School for Girls. In her Grade 7 year, she consistently achieved an impressive academic average of 92%–95% and demonstrated strong leadership qualities. Outside of academics, she excels in tennis, netball, athletics, and marimba, and is inspired by her brother's experience at St. Andrews College.*



## THE HARRY BIRRELL SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

### BECOME A FRIEND OF THE TRUST:

Help us continue to make a difference

The Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust extends the chance for a high-quality education to those in need. Since its establishment in 1997, the trust has played a pivotal role in nurturing the talents of children by awarding scholarships, enabling them to access excellent secondary education in Makhanda, South Africa. We are proud to have provided life changing quality education to over 70 girls and boys.

With your support we can continue to make a difference.

To make a contribution, [click here.](#)

Should you wish to leave a legacy to the Harry Birrell Scholarship Trust, please contact the Company Secretary at [info@harrybirrelltrust.org](mailto:info@harrybirrelltrust.org).

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