



The Saints Endowment Fund



*"That here our ship once anchored,
and here its course was set."*
College Song

St Stithians is a national asset

We consider St Stithians College to be “*a national asset*”.

Our College is, in many ways, one of a kind: it is a village of schools, offering a unique co-ordinate model, situated on 105 hectares of land, in the heart of a city. St Stithians has the reputation of being a leading educational institution in South Africa and is globally recognised as a centre of academic excellence.



However, like most independent schools, both nationally and internationally, future sustainability is a concern for Saints. Rising costs and tuition fees and the shrinking pool of parents who can afford such fees are threats facing most independent schools across the world.

It is key to secure the future sustainability of St Stithians College, as a 21st Century institution of academic excellence, for generations to come; hence the importance of the Foundation and the Saints Endowment Fund.

“Alumni are, without question, the single greatest resource an institution has.”

Robert Forman

Worldwide, great academic institutions, like Harvard, have recognised the importance of building up an endowment fund to provide for the long-term future of the institution.

The future sustainability of St Stithians is the primary focus of the Foundation. The Foundation Governors take a long-term, forward-looking view.

Future sustainability has two key components:

- **Financial sustainability:** the focus is on saving for the future and building up an endowment fund for the College (the “inreach” strategy), through the Saints Endowment Fund.
- **Relevance to the broader South African society:** through the programmes managed by the Thandulwazi Trust, ensuring that St Stithians is involved in educational projects that contribute towards improving teaching and learning in schools across Gauteng and add value to the quality of education received by historically disadvantaged South Africans (the “outreach” strategy).

The funds raised by the Endowment Fund are mainly from members of the St Stithians community and will be used for key projects identified to benefit the Saints community.

There are four main focus areas:

St Stithians
Teacher
Development

St Stithians
Learner
Scholarships &
Bursaries

St Stithians
Infrastructure/
Facilities
Development

St Stithians
support for
Outreach
Programmes

The funds are managed by a separately constituted board of Fund Governors, to ensure the highest standards of governance in the safeguarding and investments of the funds raised.

The Endowment Fund is primarily for the benefit of the St Stithians schools and to ensure the long-term sustainability of the College as a 21st Century institution of academic excellence.

Contributing to the Endowment Fund

***We appeal to One & All to support the work of the Foundation
and together let us grow the Saints Endowment Fund.***

Donations

All donations to the Endowment Fund are welcome and can be paid into the following account:

Account Name:	St Stithians Foundation
Account Number:	62312651773
Bank:	First National Bank
Branch:	Randburg
Branch code:	254-005

Reference

Please provide as a reference your name/ Endowment Fund, so that the Foundation can identify any donations paid into this account and acknowledge your contribution.

Tax Certificate

The Foundation will issue all donors with a tax certificate at the end of the financial year (February), so that donors can receive a tax benefit.

More Information

Should you require more information, please do not hesitate to be in contact with the Foundation Director, Mrs Bev Johnson (Tel: +27-11-577-6193/ foundation@stithian.com).



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