

# FOUNDERS' DAY 2021



ST STITHIANS  
COLLEGE

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE

MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



**ST STITHIANS COLLEGE**  
**PATH of HOPE+LIGHT**

Hope is not naive. Hope is strength. And courage. Hope is change. And growth. Which brings knowledge. And more strength. And more courage. And change and growth. Which brings wisdom. And empathy. And more hope. Which brings more strength, and courage and change and growth and kindness and strength... and through it all, it carries love. Hope is mighty.

Jody Hills

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**On the 12th of July 2021 we welcomed our 8th School to St Stithians College.**

**A meeting of minds and values.**

**Let the journey begin.**



**ST STITHIANS ONLINE SCHOOL**



**IN COLLABORATION WITH VALENTURE INSTITUTE**

# Rector's Foreword

Our campus theme for 2021 is Hope and Light. There have been times this year when we have really had to live up to those two words. Hope is not an emotion; it is a muscle that is developed. Hope is a choice. Furthermore, we have worked hard to bring Light into dark spaces and to transform it into a beacon.

Founders' Day is a day of gratitude for the many gifts and blessings that we have received as a school. Just as we are 'in gratitude to founders', I am equally aware of the debt of gratitude owed to our entire school community. I see each one of you as a light. That collective light shines into the hearts of many, and I believe it is a light of hope. I extend my profound thanks to all of our stakeholders: this school is nothing without its staff, students, our parents, the OSA, and the many volunteers and friends of St Stithians who have journeyed with us during these difficult times. You give me hope.

Despite a challenging year, we have much for which to be grateful. We are grateful for the opportunity to be together and back on campus. Our fields are alive again with the reintroduction of sport and extramural activities. We are grateful that whether online, or back in classrooms, we never fail to fulfill our purpose as an educational institution.

To the class of 2021, you have been tested in the fire of an extraordinary world event. You have shown that you have courage and grit. We are so proud of the character that you have shown. I know that you will continue to thrive – look at who you are already.

As our Matrics prepare to leave us, we celebrate our first class of Grade RR. It feels like a balancing of the scales. If there is anything that gives me hope, it's our little ones. I hope that you will undertake incredible adventures as you write the story of your College years.

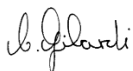
I am mindful that we, the College staff, have suffered great loss; I acknowledge the service and blessing of the colleagues we have lost this year, Sandra Esteves, Bonelela Memani and Andries Dlamini. You are sorely missed.

Carel Nolte is a familiar figure at Founders' Day. This is his last year as Chair of Council and I thank him on behalf of the College for the work he has done. We are grateful for this dedicated alumnus who has served his College tirelessly.

These words from theologian Bergoglio lie at the heart of my message: 'Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments. To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in fear, love in discord.' He ends with these words: 'Never give up ... Never give up on people who love you. Never give up on happiness, for life is an incredible show.'

We have had the storms and the battles but we have not given up. This is my hope and my light.

Thank you, One and All.



**Mrs C Gilardi**  
Rector



# Order of Service



## BELL RINGING

Commemorating 68 years since 1953  
Phenyo Phalatse (Boys' College) and  
Kekgethegile Mohasoa (Girls' College)

## CHAPLAIN

Superintendent Chaplain Jenni Samdaan  
(Girls' College Chaplain)

Call to worship  
Psalm 145:3-5 NRSV

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
His greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall laud your works to another,  
And shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
And on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,  
And I will declare your greatness.

## Prayer

All-loving and All-knowing God,  
We come before You this Founders Day

We pray for Hope in times when we feel hopeless and in times when we feel hopeful.  
We pray for hope that sustained us yesterday, that restores us today and continually carries us.

Jesus the everlasting Light, we pray for your radiance over One and All, for us to be filled with Your light from the crown of our heads to the sole of our feet.

Guide us Oh Thou great Jehovah, to know of Your plans that are to give us hope and future. Help us to walk in your light and live our life according to your plan.

Holy Spirit, we ask for your strength and wisdom, so that just like a tree,  
we can grow roots deep in you that others do not see. We ask for the strength of gentle peace, so that just like the sea, we can rise and fall each day and lead others gently onwards.

Empower us with your hope, light and strength to be victorious and be able to make a world of difference. We ask all these, in your name our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
LET IT BE SO!

## OFFICIAL OPENINGS

Bishop Purity Malinga Gate  
The Lourens Playground  
The Rivett-Carnac Lecture  
Theatre & Quad  
The Van Zyl Quad  
The Acquisto Quad  
The Council Dam  
The Trust Dam  
The Morolo Gate  
The Trust Deed





## WELCOME

Mrs Megan Rogers (Deputy Chair of Council)

## HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL ADDRESS

Kutlwano Manaka (Head Boy) and  
Wantekenesha Mucharambeyi (Head Girl)

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

E Santonga / ML de Villiers

Arranged and Orchestrated by Yvette Schoeman

Nkosi sikelel' iAfrika  
Maluphakanyisw' uphondo lwayo,  
Yizwa imithandazo yethu,  
Nkosi sikelela, thina lusapho lwayo.

Morena boloka setjhaba sa heso,  
O fedise dintwa le matshwenyeho,  
O se boloke, O se boloke setjhaba sa heso,  
Setjhaba sa, South Afrika — South Afrika.

Uit die blou van onse hemel,  
Uit die diepte van ons see,  
Oor ons ewige gebergtes,  
Waar die kranse antwoord gee,

Sounds the call to come together,  
And united we shall stand,  
Let us live and strive for freedom  
In South Africa our land.

## RECTOR'S ADDRESS

Mrs Celeste Gilardi





# CHAPLAINS

Rev Thandeka Dintlhe (Junior Prep Chaplain), Rev Elroy Kekana (Boys' College Chaplain) and Rev Lea Marumo (Girls' Prep Chaplain)

Let us pray the College Prayer:

Dear God,

Let our purpose each day be to honour You,  
We seek to praise You through faithful service,  
We seek to honour You through dedicated worship,  
We long to be filled with the fruit of Your Spirit  
So that we may journey along a path of prayer  
Towards knowing You as our God.

Let our purpose each day be to honour others,  
Let us seek to respect and value each person that we meet,  
And see You reflected in our neighbour.

Help us to journey towards building others  
Through co-operation rather than competition,  
And towards an understanding of You as our God.

Let our purpose each day be to learn to honour self,  
Allow us to grow in moral courage so that we may express the truth,  
Allow us to find the strength to live a disciplined life.

We ask You to walk beside us,  
As we journey from loneliness to solitude  
Towards a discovery of the uniqueness of self,  
And a personal knowledge of You as our God.

AMEN.

# FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

(Isaiah 40:25-31)

Read by Jenna White and Niike Neervoort (Deputy Head Girls)

The Holy One asks, "Do you really think you can find  
someone or something to compare to Me? My equal?"

Look at the myriad of stars and constellations above you.

Who set them to burning, each in its place?

Who knows those countless lights each by name?

*They obediently shine, each in its place,*

because God has the great strength and strong power to make it so.

Don't you know? Haven't you heard?

The Eternal, the Everlasting God,

The Creator of the whole world, never gets tired or weary.

His wisdom is beyond understanding.

God strengthens the weary

and gives vitality to those worn down by *age and care*.

Even young people faint and get exhausted;

athletic ones may stumble and fall.

But those who trust in the Eternal One will regain their strength.

They will soar on wings as eagles.

They will run—*never winded*, never weary.

They will walk—*never tired*, never faint.

THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD



# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

(John 15: 1-8)

Read by Kyle Parker (Deputy Head Boy)

Then Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father takes care of the vineyard. He removes every one of my branches that doesn't produce fruit. He also prunes every branch that does produce fruit to make it produce more fruit."

"You are already clean because of what I have told you. Live in me, and I will live in you. A branch cannot produce any fruit by itself. It has to stay attached to the vine. In the same way, you cannot produce fruit unless you live in me."

"I am the vine. You are the branches. Those who live in me while I live in them will produce a lot of fruit. But you can't produce anything without me. Whoever doesn't live in me is thrown away like a branch and dries up. Branches like this are gathered, thrown into a fire, and burned. If you live in me and what I say lives in you, then ask for anything you want, and it will be yours. You give glory to my Father when you produce a lot of fruit and therefore show that you are my disciples."

**THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD  
THANKS BE TO GOD**



# THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

(Romans 5:1-5)

Read by Fana Nyathi (Thandulwazi student from Kaalfontein Secondary)

We have been made right with God because of our faith. So we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through our faith, Christ has brought us into that blessing of God's grace that we now enjoy. And we are happy because of the hope we have of sharing God's glory. And we also have joy with our troubles because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, and character produces hope. And this hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out God's love to fill our hearts. God gave us God's love through the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to us.

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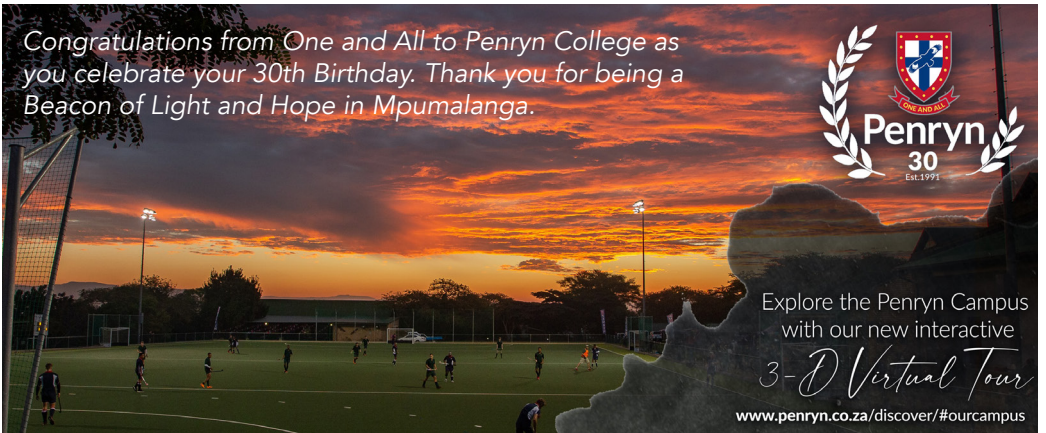
*Congratulations from One and All to Penryn College as you celebrate your 30th Birthday. Thank you for being a Beacon of Light and Hope in Mpumalanga.*



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# JOHN WESLEY'S WORDS

Read by Jia (Ivy) Wang, Oliver Duggan, Avanti Singh, Leo Sargent, Nala Bogatsu, Amani Mutugi (Junior Prep)

The words from today's reading are by John Wesley.

"Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?

May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?

Without all doubt, we may.

Herein all the children of God may unite, notwithstanding these smaller differences".

These are the words that we need to hear today.



# JUNIOR PREP MUSICAL ITEM

Gcina Impilo Yami by Bucy Radebe





# Celebrating 21 years



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## JUNIOR PREP 21<sup>ST</sup> CELEBRATION SONG

Love Shine a Light by Kimberly Rew



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# MATRIC CLASS OF 2021

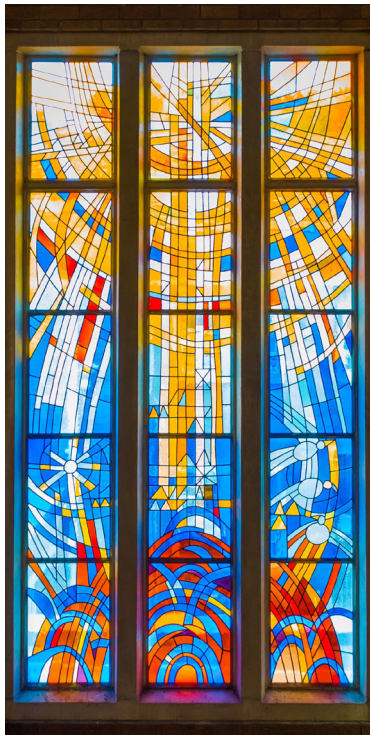
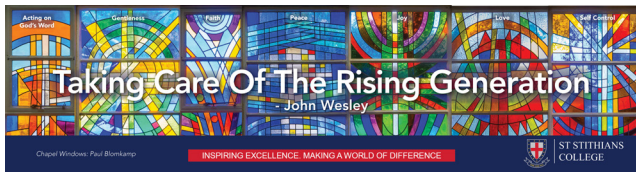


# GIRLS' COLLEGE CLASS OF 2021 REPRESENTATION MUSICAL CELEBRATION



## OLD STITHIAN ASSOCIATION

Mr Israel Skosana (Chair)



## THE COLLEGE HYMN

Arranged by Christo Jankowitz

Orchestration by Yvette Schoeman

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true child;  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower;  
O Raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O Grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

# PRAYERS

Let us pray:

**Read by Angelina Strydom and Kgaugelo Mpherwane (Girls' Prep)**

We praise God for the spiritual foundation of this College as a Methodist Church School, for the generosity and vision of our founders, and for the inspiration of those who have lived out this vision in succeeding generations.

**We give thanks this day!**

For the wisdom, leadership and service of past and present trustees, council members, parent-teacher association members and other committees of the College.

**We give thanks this day!**

**Read by Keabetswe Motswenyane (Boys' Prep)**

We give thanks and pray for all who have served, taught and worked in this College, for inspiration, dedication, passion, guidance, discipline and excellent education.

**We give thanks this day!**

We give thanks and pray for all our parents, present and past, who contribute and create opportunity and community in this our College, sharing and shaping their child's life journey.

**We give thanks this day!**

**Read by Sienna James and Zazi Manzana (Girls' Prep)**

We give thanks and pray for all our students, present and past, who learn and grow as young people, giving expression to their talents and gifts. We realize that we have great opportunities and a vast potential for doing good.

**We give thanks this day!**

We give thanks and pray for all those who have gone forth from this College as Old Stithians. May the relations and bonds between our alumni and the College remain strong.

**We give thanks this day!**

**Read by Steven Whitfield (Boys' Prep)**

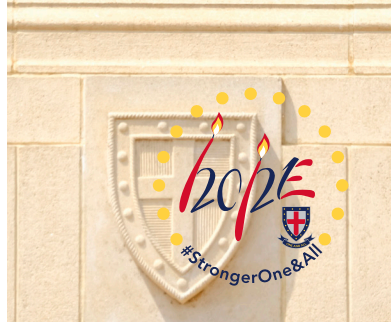
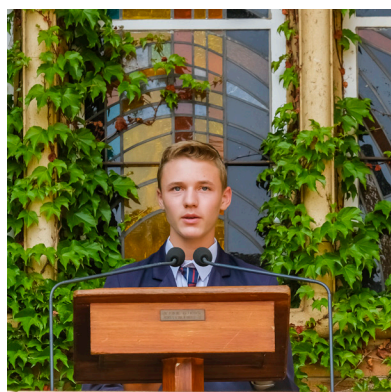
We give thanks and pray for our beautiful campus with its facilities, fields, grasslands, water and trees. Thank you to all who maintain and care for this campus. Help us to care for your creation and be responsible stewards of all you have entrusted to us.

**We give thanks this day!**

For all that we have given and gained through our involvement in this school; for friendship and belonging; for all the precious memories; for the opportunities of each new day; and for the hopes of the future.

**We give thanks this day!**

**LET IT BE SO!**



# MUSICAL ITEM

Indlovu

Written by Loyiso Gijana

Arranged and orchestrated by Yvette Schoeman

Soloists: Mutendi Sambaza (Boys' College) and Tanaka Muguto (Girls' College)

Conductor: Michael Dingaan





## INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER

Kutlwano Manaka (Head Boy)

## ADDRESS BY OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Mr Carel Nolte



*“Life is amazing. And then it is awful. And then it is amazing again. And in between the amazing and the awful it’s ordinary and mundane and routine. Breathe in the amazing, hold on to through the awful, and relax and exhale during the ordinary. That’s just living heartbreaking, soul-healing, amazing, awful, ordinary life. And it’s breathtakingly beautiful. It’s hopeful.”*

LR Knost



# VOTE OF THANKS

Wantekenesha Mucharambeyi (Head Girl)



## THE COLLEGE SONG

In honour and in praises  
To highest heaven'ly rule  
In gratitude to founders  
We cherish this our School  
We'll "One and All" remember.  
And lest we should forget  
Our song fore'er reminds us  
Of our eternal debt.

With hearts and minds we praise thee  
Our Saviour and our King  
To thee our lives we render  
Our all to thee we bring  
We'll "One and All" remember.  
And may we ne'er forget  
That thou dost call to service  
From heights of Olivet.

When school's a distant memory  
Of happy youthful years  
We'll oft times look behind us  
To all that still endears  
We'll "One and All" remember.  
How could we e'er forget  
That here our ship once anchored  
And here its course was set.





## BENEDICTION

Rev Madika (Dix) Sibeko (Boys' Prep Chaplain)

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

LET IT BE SO!



## GRATITUDE

Mrs Ntombi Langa-Royds (Chair Elect of Council)

- Mr Carel Nolte - Guest Speaker
- The Methodist Church of Southern Africa
- St Stithians College Endowment Fund Trustees
- St Stithians College Council Members
- The Council Executive
- The Old Stithian Association and Alumni
- St Stithians College Staff Members, Scholars and Parents
- Invited Guests of the Chair of Council and the Rector
- The many other role-players and contributors including:
  - Musical Performers and Staff
  - Students and Staff playing a role in the Service Operations Team
  - Advancement Team





# ST STITHIANS COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND TRUST

Mrs Nerine Kahn  
Rev Pumla Nzimande  
Mr Gary Morolo (Chair)

Mr Carel Nolte  
Bishop Faith Whitby

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## ST STITHIANS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

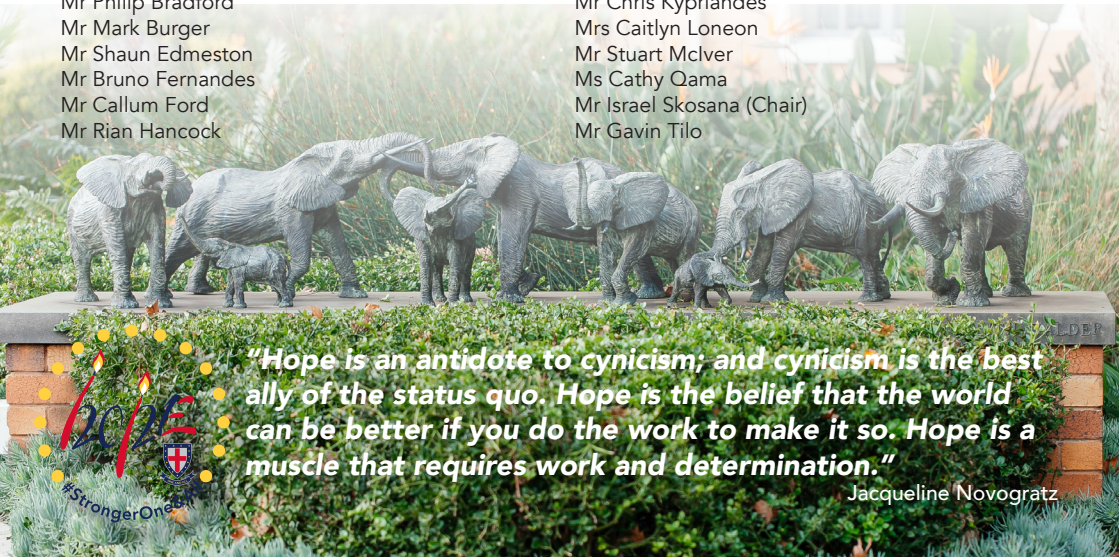
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Mr Gavin Tilo



*"Hope is an antidote to cynicism; and cynicism is the best ally of the status quo. Hope is the belief that the world can be better if you do the work to make it so. Hope is a muscle that requires work and determination."*

Jacqueline Novogratz

## PTA MEMBERS - PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

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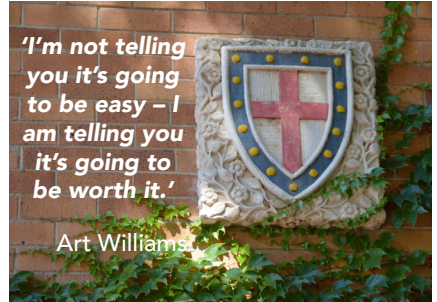
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# A Journey of Light and Hope

**A call to the courageous, the visionaries,  
The adventurers,  
Who see light and hope where others see darkness.**

The 75th Anniversary Beacon of Light Endowment Fund Campaign underpins our drive to stay at the forefront of holistic educational advancement and pay it forward to those less fortunate in our communities and to ensure St Stithians College's future.

Join us and help raise R150 million by 2028 for the St Stithians College and Thandulwazi Trust Maths and Science Academy's Endowment Funds.

We cannot wait for what might be. We can each light a candle; we can gather those candles into a flame, and together, light a beacon of hope.

The courageous set sail not because they must, but because they can see a broader horizon. We need those pioneering spirits who can dream bigger dreams than we can. We need you, with all your gifts and talents.

There will be storms ahead but we choose, One and All, to sail with light and hope in our sails.

Embark on this great adventure with us! Make your gift and add your candle of light to our St Stithians College Beacon of Hope today!



ST STITHIANS COLLEGE GIVES LIFE TO THE WORDS  
*'Happy Fulfilment'*  
INSCRIBED ON OUR FOUNDATION STONE

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

As a College of eight schools, we strive to:

Educate individuals to be lifelong learners who participate, lead and serve.

Live out a Methodist ethos, providing diverse opportunities for our students and staff to honour God,  
honour others and honour self; to know oneself,  
to be oneself and to contribute as African and global citizens.

Combine tradition with innovation, and academic ambition with holistic education as distinguishing  
features of the St Stithians journey.

Promote personal growth and lives of significance for our staff and students in a College of welcome and  
wonder.

Optimize educational and institutional synergies through our schools collaborating with each other.

Create a community of belonging among our students, staff, parents and alumni.

Provide facilities which enhance our educational mission, while developing our campus as a place of  
natural beauty, promoting environmental awareness and action.

Manage our educational enterprise effectively and efficiently according to sound and accountable  
corporate governance policies.

St Stithians College is committed to the positive transformation and development of South African  
society. We seek to embrace Ubuntu, to be One and All.

*Approved by the St Stithians College Council on 26 March 2015*



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