



# 2 FIVE STONES



The Five Stones have great symbolic meaning for all who spend their early years in the Boys' Prep. In 2007 the boys were asked to vote for their favourite Bible story, and David and Goliath was chosen. Based on the five stones David selected to face and defeat his fears and his giant, a prayer was assigned to each stone to remind the boys of the power of prayer to impart hope, light, faith and courage, and to reinforce God's Love for each and every child.

The five prayers are: The Lord's Prayer, Be Thou My Vision (which is the College Hymn), Psalm 23, the Saints' Honour Prayer and the Prayer of St Francis. Charmian Kennealy, the first art teacher, who served on the staff of the BP and the BC from 1962 to 1981 introduced the Prayer of St Francis into the Boys' Prep when she installed her sculpture of St Francis near the former grades block.

The five stones have become an integral part of the leadership development programme of the Boys' Prep and are included in the Grade Seven rite of passage. At their final Chapel Service each boy receives a miniature replica of the stones to remind them of the importance of prayer and that they too can be like David and overcome dangers, troubles or worries armed with love, honesty, responsibility, respect and courage.

To view the full presentation on the Five Stones, **please click here:**  
[https://www.stithian.com/uploads/files/THE\\_FIVE\\_STONES.pdf](https://www.stithian.com/uploads/files/THE_FIVE_STONES.pdf)

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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