

# Founders' Day

1 August 2020



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**One & All**

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE  
MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



ST STITHIANS  
COLLEGE



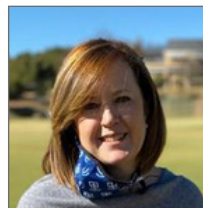
# STRONGER ONE & ALL





## RECTOR'S FOREWORD

On this unusual Founders' Day 2020, we welcome those who are with us on campus, and those who are taking part online. I greet you on behalf of our College of seven schools – the Junior Preparatory, the Boys' Preparatory, the Boys' College, Kamoka Bush School and the Thandulwazi Maths and Science Academy. We are particularly proud that you share this service with us in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year of the Girls' Preparatory and the Girls' College. Sisters and brothers together, we take courage from our theme, #BeStrongerOne&All.



Last year, as we sat in our hundreds beneath a perfect blue sky, mirrored by the sea of blue uniforms, there was no whisper of how we would be called upon to #BeStrongerOne&All. Our Matric Class of 2020 is making history as they attend this service, sitting apart and with the echo of empty stands around them. Nothing this year has been what they expected, but this is when we gather our strength and together, we stand on the firm shoulders of the men and women who made this College possible through their grit and resilience.

As we mark the anniversary of the Girls' Schools, we remember a young Irish woman, later to become St Etaine, who, in the mid-6<sup>th</sup> Century put her faith in God to flee from a pandemic. St Etaine with her brother and sister, travelled 370km in a tiny boat, down the Shannon River, then across icy seas, finally landing on a Cornish beach. The village of Stithians is named after her. Some thirteen hundred years later, in 1880, Albert Collins left Stithians to start his own adventure. Collins met William Mountstephens and became friends, sharing a common bond of faith. As we give thanks for our Founders' generosity, we remember these were daring young people who, through their courage, touched the course of history.

Like St Etaine and our Founders, we are on a journey into an uncertain future. They adventured into the unknown; so too, have we. Our teachers and students became educational pioneers and flipped schooling upside-down. In medieval cathedrals, the shape of the roof beams represents a ship turned upside-down. We found comfort in faith and hope as we sheltered beneath our upturned ship.

The College has responded to world events. We are part of the deep tragedy wrought by COVID-19. We have been called upon by alumni and students to validate and learn from the Black Lives Matter movement. In the 2019 Founders' Day address my predecessor committed to uphold the St Stithians Statement of Intent and Purpose, 'to ensure the positive transformation and development of South African society'. Great schools have the humility to reflect but also the power to act. We continue to do both, true to our Founders' values.

Alistair Stewart discovered recently that our College hymn, *Be Thou My Vision*, was written by Christian Irish poet, Dallan Forgaill. Forgaill lived at the same time as St Etaine and just a little distance from her church. It is probable that they met. How strange but miraculous that this is our College hymn, taking us back to our roots and holding us in a circle of faith. How inspiring for us today, when the way forward is sometimes unclear, that Forgaill, a blind scholar, entreated God to be his vision in the darkness. Class of 2020, faith, and hope will always brighten your vision.

Along with St Etaine and our Founders, everyone who has been associated with St Stithians is part of its history. When we tell our section of the story, let us celebrate how we are able to #BeStrongerOne&All, as we sail together and take shelter in the heart of the Saints family. We carry with us the closing words of Dallan Forgaill's hymn:

*'Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be though my vision, O Ruler of all.'*

Mrs C Gilardi  
Rector

# ORDER OF SERVICE



## OFFICIAL OPENINGS

Shaun Edmeston Conference Room  
Ntombi Langa-Royds Basketball Pavilion  
iMadiba  
Fearless Thinker

## BELL RINGING

Commemorating 67 years since 1953  
Andile Khuluse (Boys' College) and Lindiwe Mabanga (Girls' College)

## CHAPLAIN

Call to worship: (*Psalm 51:10-11*) GNB  
Create a pure heart in me, O God,  
and put a new and loyal spirit in me.  
**Do not banish me from your presence;  
Do not take your holy spirit away from me.**

Prayer:

God our heavenly Father, we come together to celebrate how You have called us into being a school of excellence. Every morning You continue to remind us to be "One and All." Unity is strength, when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved. Lord, inspire us to make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace because in You there is one flock and one shepherd.

We praise You especially for the 25th year of our girl's schools, as we celebrate their special birthdays this year, we recognize the gifts that they are to us. We ask your blessings and guidance for our days to come that we continue to be a College of excellence under your divine guidance.

Lord in Your mercy.  
Hear our prayers

## WELCOME

Ntombi Langa-Royds (Deputy Chair of Council)

## HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL ADDRESS

Devon Casey (Head Boy) and Rutendo Kawelenga (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**

### 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

*1 Corinthians 12-25) GNB*

**Read by Marisa Venditti and Phuti Hanyane (Deputy Head Girls)**

Christ is like a single body which has many parts, it is still one body even though is made up of different parts. In the same way all of us, whether slaves or free have been baptized into one body by the same spirit, and we all have been given the same spirit to drink. For the body itself is not made up of only one part, but many parts. If the foot were to say, "Because I am not a hand, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, "Because I am not an eye, I don't belong to the body," that would not keep it from being a part of the body. If the whole body were just an eye, how would it hear? And if it were only an ear, how could it smell?

On the contrary we cannot do without the parts of the body that seem to be weaker, And those parts that we think aren't worth very much are the ones which we treat with greater care, while the parts of the body which don't look very nice are treated with special modesty, which the more beautiful parts do not need. God himself has put the body together in such a way as to give greater honour to those parts that need it.

# SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

*(1 Peter 2:9-10) CEV*

**Read by Lesego Sithole (Deputy Head Boy)**

But you are God's chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation. God has brought you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Now you must tell all the wonderful things he has done. The Scriptures say, "Once you were nobody. Now you are God's people. At one time no one had mercy on you. Now God has treated you with kindness."

Dear friends, we are foreigners and strangers on this earth. So, I beg you not to surrender to those desires that fight against you. Always let others see you behaving properly, even though they may still accuse you of doing wrong. Then on the day of judgement, they will honor God by telling the good things they saw you do.

# THIRD SCRIPTURE READING

*(1 Peter 3:8) CEB*

**Read by Sinethemba Khumalo (Thandulwazi Student from Pace Commerce & Entrepreneur School of Specialisation)**

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.



# JOHN WESLEY'S WORDS

Read by Vishwa Bhala, Thomas Penny, Serena Kim,  
Ohoize Adeoye, Tayla Jarvis (Junior Prep)



Watch your thoughts;  
They become words.  
Watch your words;  
They become actions.  
Watch your actions;  
They become habits.  
Watch your habits;  
They become character.  
Watch your character;  
It becomes your destiny.



## JUNIOR PREP MUSICAL ITEM

Medley: **Be still and know that I am God** (Author: Unknown) and  
**Bambelela** (African Traditional)

*Arrangement by Taryn Clur*

*Video Editing by Matthew Marinus*

Be still and know that I am God  
Thula wazi ngingu thixo

Bambelela  
Ku Jesu Bambelela

## GIRLS' 25<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION

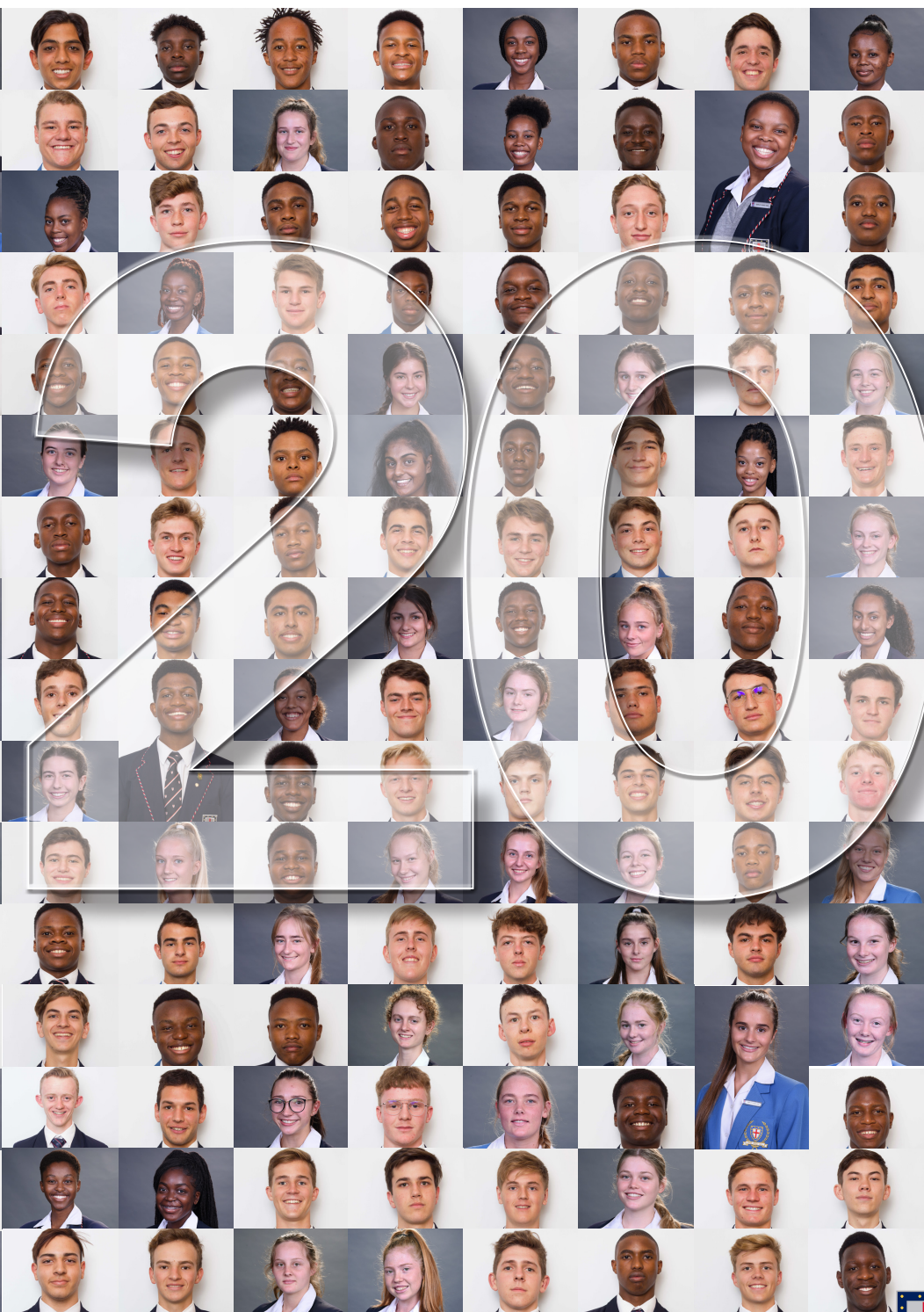




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# MATRICES





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# OLD STITHIAN ASSOCIATION

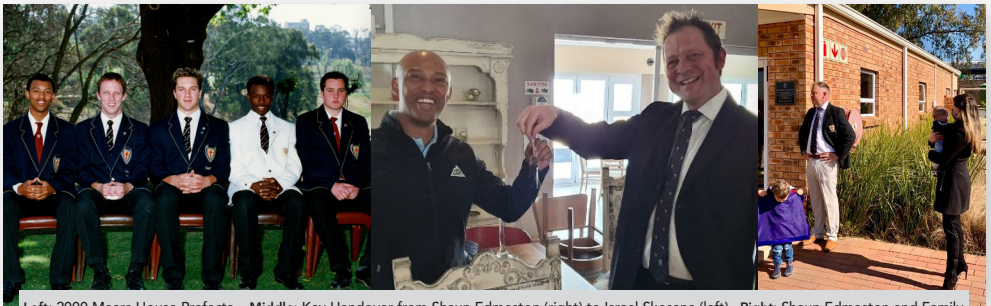


**ISRAEL BIZIWE SKOSANA** the second, was born in 1982 and matriculated at St Stithians College in 2000. He was a house prefect and represented the Gauteng Soccer League and attended the FIFA Junior Under 16 World in Cup in England in 1998. While at Saints he also won the Actor of the Year award in Matric. He also achieved a Toastmasters International award in 2015.

Israel joined the OSA Committee in 2015 and has now been elected as the OSA Chair from June 2020. Israel and his wife Robyn have two sons, Israel and Gabriel, who are enrolled in the Junior Prep.

He has a successful career in banking currently heading up Standard Bank's Card Issuing Business of Partnerships, Debit, Prepaid, Credit & Commercial Cards across the Group's 14 countries of operation. Previously he was Head of Card, Marketing, Research and Customer Experience at African Bank and Vice President of Mastercard's Credit, Prepaid and Debit portfolios.

We welcome Israel to this new role and look forward to him continuing the excellent work of the Old Stithian Association with the newly elected 2020 committee.



Left: 2000 Mears House Prefects Middle: Key Handover from Shaun Edmeston (right) to Israel Skosana (left) Right: Shaun Edmeston and Family

## SHAUN EDMESTON

The OSA Committee would like to extend our gratitude to Shaun Edmeston for serving on the committee for almost 20 years. Shaun has been the OSA Chair for the last 10 years and continued to grow the OSA from where it began. We would also like to send our gratitude and thanks to Aline, Michael and Jordan who enabled Shaun to be so passionately involved in the OSA. Over the years Shaun, together with the committee, has managed to accomplish the following:

- Donations of R5 million to the school during this time
- There is an OSA member represented on every major school committee
- The College Trust sees a perpetual relationship with the OSA
- A focused drive on diversity in the committee, the events make up and offerings at the OSA
- Additional points for intake of Alumni students and OSA members students on the admission waiting list.





# THE COLLEGE HYMN

*Arranged by Christo Jankowitz*

*Orchestration by Yvette Schoeman*

*Recording by Eddie Clayton*

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.



# One & All



# PRAYERS

Let us pray:



## **Read by Bathandwa Senoamali and Madison Ooteman (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 praise Your name, O God.**

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

**We praise Your name, O God.**

## **Read by George Khumalo (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 praise Your name, O God.**

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 praise Your name, O God.**

## **Read by Bulelwa Biko and Kiara Joannides (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 praise Your name, O God.**

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 praise Your name, O God.**

## **Read by Jack Dodgen (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 praise Your name, O God.**

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 praise Your name, O God.**

**AMEN**



## MUSICAL ITEM

### WHAT HE MEANS BY JUST JINGER

*Orchestrated and Produced by Eddie Clayton  
Video Editing by Kevin English*

## INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER

**Devon Casey (Head Boy)**

## ADDRESS BY OUR GUEST SPEAKER

**Rev Purity Malinga (Presiding Bishop - Methodist Church of Southern Africa)**

## VOTE OF THANKS

**Rutendo Kawelenga (Head Girl)**

## THE COLLEGE SONG

*R Quarmby*

*Arranged by Christo Jankowitz*

*Orchestration by Yvette Schoeman*

*Recording by Eddie Clayton*

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 anchor'd  
And here its course was set.

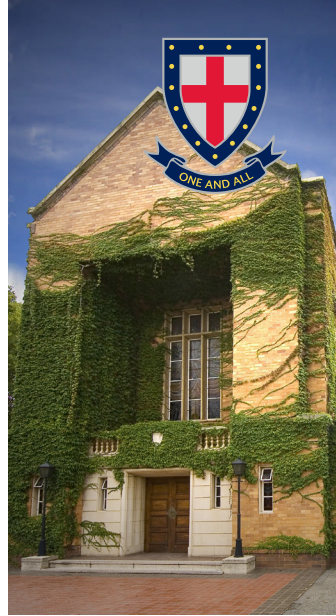


## BENEDICTION

Go forth into the world in peace;  
Be of good courage;  
Render to no one evil for evil;  
Strengthen the fainthearted;  
Support the weak;  
Help the afflicted;  
Honour all people;  
Love and serve the Lord;  
Rejoice in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Now may the grace of Jesus our Redeemer,  
The love of God our Creator  
And the healing presence of the Holy Spirit our Sustainer  
Be with you, now and for evermore.  
**AMEN**

## GRATITUDES

- Presiding Bishop, Rev Purity Malinga - 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



Kamoka Bush School

## ST STITHIANS COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND TRUST

Mr Lee Astfalck  
Rev Phumla Nzimande  
Mr Gary Morolo (*Chair*)  
Mr Carel Nolte

Bishop Gary Rivas  
Bishop Faith Whitby

## ST STITHIANS COLLEGE COUNCIL (as 2020)

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Mr Philip Bradford (*OSA Representative*)  
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## ST STITHIANS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

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Mr Johnny Smith (*Head of Finance*)  
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Mr Gavin Tilo

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Mrs Megan Rogers (*Chair*)  
Mrs Sonja Schroder  
Ms Marisa Venditti

**Boys' Prep**  
Mr Brett Botha



ST STITHIANS COLLEGE GIVES LIFE TO THE WORDS  
'HAPPY FULFILMENT'  
INSCRIBED ON OUR FOUNDATION STONE

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

**As a College of seven 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.*

*Optimise 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**



Thandulwazi Scholarship Programme



Thandulwazi Intern-Teacher Programme



Thandulwazi Teacher Development Programme



Thandulwazi Saturday School Programme

