



6 November 2019

Dear Saints Family

**Invitation to Saints Parents in Dialogue Breakfast, 20 November
Gender Matters: Raising Children in a Non-Binary World**

The theme of 'Gender Matters' has been a focal one at St Stithians over the past six months, and I am pleased to extend an invitation to our parents to participate in our Saints Parents in Dialogue Breakfast, taking place on Wednesday 20 November in Dace Hall at the Junior Prep, at 08:00. There is an exciting panel of experts who will engage in discussion of the theme:

Gender Matters: Raising Children in a Non-Binary World

Please click on the link below to book your attendance:

www.quicket.co.za/events/91324-saints-parents-in-dialogue/#/

The Saints Parents in Dialogue Breakfast is being hosted and organised by the Girls' College. The Breakfast was inaugurated last year, hosted by the Girls' Prep, and responsibility for hosting will rotate in future years across the Saints schools.

The purpose of the Saints Parents in Dialogue Breakfast is to provide an opportunity, among many other 'parent connect' activities, for our parents across our College of schools to meet one another and to engage with a significant and relevant theme.

The term 'Gender Matters' allows us to emphasise that there are many aspects of gender, and that these are important. Positive and affirming gender relations and consciousness are critical to St Stithians and to every aspect of life in South African society. At Stithians we seek to create a community of belonging for each person. As a College of co-educational schools (Junior Prep and Thandulwazi Academy) and of girls' and boys' schools (the Boys' Prep, Girls' Prep, Boys' College, Girls' College, Kamoka Bush School), the theme of gender is core to our identity and experience: we have much to talk and learn about, and we have the opportunity to grow together. Gender relations are multi-faceted, and it is our collective responsibility to advance honest and open conversations, to recognise the range of deep emotions, and to affirm one another in this space. Let St Stithians be a place where One and All is reflected in all that we do and be, making a 'world of difference'.

'Gender Matters' have been engaged with amongst our students and staff, in a number of ways. Here is an opportunity for our parents to join the conversation and opportunities for learning and reflection.

Yours sincerely

Dr T A Nuttall | Rector

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