



# Unweilings

A celebration of  
St Stithians College landmarks

## THE VAN ZYL QUAD



Anne van Zyl

Anne van Zyl was appointed founding Head of the Girls' Collegiate (as it was known in its first few years of existence) in 1995. Anne was Head of Pretoria High School for Girls and was known for her courage and creativity. She was a visionary, a team builder and a forward thinker in girls' education.

Anne's courageous attitude and innovative thinking saw St Stithians Girls' College quickly become an institution to be reckoned with, both academically and in the sporting arena. Anne chose not to follow a traditional view of education but rather to implement a new approach to leadership and recognition. She was instrumental in combining the values of the Girls' College with those of the Round Square and its philosophy based on the six pillars. These pillars became, and remain, the cornerstone of the ethos of the Girls' College.

The original quad (before the amphitheatre was built) was part of the first phase of the new school. Shortly after the Girls' Collegiate opened, students from the Boys' College secretly snuck across the campus to perform the 'haka' as a surprise for their new sisters on campus.

The amphitheatre was shared with the Girls' Prep and was a space where the two girls' schools were unified. In 2016, the quad was reconstructed with elevated seating.

This space continues to be a central, functional meeting space. It reverberates with spirit cries, drama performances, debating competitions, music concerts and assemblies. The van Zyl Quad is a landmark in the Girls' College and a fitting tribute to Anne's achievements during her six years as Head.



Above centre: Anne van Zyl and Pauline Dickson during construction (1995).

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