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Dear Collegiate Community

As I reflect on this past year, I feel a true sense of pride and gratitude for all that we have accomplished together. It has been a year marked by success, hard work and moments of celebration. We have also faced unbearably painful losses, yet through it all, our resilience and unity has shone brightly.

Our achievements - both big and small - along with our outreach efforts and the deepening of connections within our community, truly embody the spirit of a true Collegiate family. I would like to extend special thanks to Mrs Lynn van Dyk and Mrs Hayley Carter for their dedication and hard work in bringing our school magazine to life. Their efforts have truly captured the essence of this year. I encourage everyone to take the

time to read our school magazine, which reflects our core values and the true Collegiate spirit.

As we approach the festive season, I wish each of you a joyful Christmas filled with Christ's love and peace. May God's blessings be upon you and your loved ones, keeping you safe until we gather again.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Warm regards,

MRS LOUISE ERASMUS
PRINCIPAL

STAFF MATTERS

We want to express our sincere gratitude to each Collegiate educator and staff member's dedication, hard work, and passion in shaping young minds and making our school a smooth running organisation. Your efforts have contributed to the success of our programmes and the growth of our learners.

We were pleased to welcome Mrs Doné Human back from her maternity leave, where she had welcomed her daughter into the world. We look forward to her return to the classroom and her continued influence on our learners. A heartfelt thank you to Miss Marieke Hugo, who seamlessly integrated into our Collegiate family as her replacement, managing the CAT classes with excellence. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

We also thank Mrs Kerry Allen for stepping into the Dramatic Arts department in the fourth term. Her enthusiasm and dedication have been truly appreciated.

We bid farewell to Mrs Ciska Range, who is leaving the music department after many successful years of inspiring our music learners. Her talent and dedication will be missed, but we are excited for her new role heading up the subject, Music, at Grey High School.

Special thanks go to Mrs Lesley Cooper, our long-serving operational manager of the hostel. Her guidance and expertise have made our hostel a

true home away from home. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

As both an alumnae and a valued member of our staff, Miss Leila Dos Santos has made a lasting impact on our school community. Having once been a dedicated learner and Collegiate girl here, she has now returned to join us on the other side of the teaching sphere, inspiring and guiding our girls with her passion and dedication. As she prepares to embark on a new chapter, immigrating to Spain to be closer to her roots, we are profoundly grateful for her contributions and the positive influence she has been.

Mrs Zandri Grobbelaar will be relocating to KwaZulu-Natal with her family. Her passion for education, leadership as Head of Grade Twelve, and her contributions to the Science Department will leave a lasting impact. She will be sorely missed.

After Eleven years of dedicated service, we also say farewell to Mrs Nicola Winchester, whose influence on History education has been profound. We wish her many happy years in her retirement.

Last but certainly not least, we thank Mrs Yvonne Smith, the principal's PA. Her professionalism, diligence, and grace have been part of the backbone of our administrative team. We wish her happiness in her retirement.



Kerry Allen



Ciska Range



Yvonne Smith



Marieke Hugo



Zandri Grobbelaar



Lesley Cooper



Nicola Winchester



Leila Dos Santos

Thank you all for your unwavering commitment to our school community during your years on The Staff. Your efforts have truly made a difference in many girls lives and you will forever be part of the Collegiate Family.



7 November 2025 Carols in the Quad