



Dear Parents/Guardians

## **TLT PROGRAM AT PARKTOWN HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS**

### **-Helping to facilitate the holistic development of our young female leaders-**

In our ongoing quest to facilitate the development of our young leaders, I am very excited to inform you about our ongoing partnership with TLT (Tomorrow's Leaders in Training).

TLT is a dynamic life empowerment and leadership skills program which was developed in 2017, in response to the ever-increasing pressure and expectations placed on young people today. The curriculum is diverse and touches on many different aspects of life. We embarked on this programme at the beginning of 2020, upon hearing that programme had received extremely positive feedback in other schools, and I cannot express what an enormous difference it has made in the lives of the girls who have been on the programme this year. At the end of 2019 the girls signed up for in person classes at school for 2020, and we did have quite a few sessions in Term 1 before lockdown happened. But true to the nature of the course content, the facilitators took the programme online and it made such a difference in the lives of the girls who participated. This programme provided them with an outlet for growth, expression, interaction and reflection in a year that has been so difficult, and I am so grateful to TLT and their facilitators for giving our girls this incredible opportunity. We are excited to see where this partnership leads in the future.

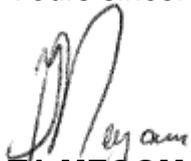
There is so much pressure on the girls to succeed, and for many of them, failure is not an option. That being said, failure is a very important part of life and learning and we have to teach the girls how to deal with failure, learn from it and grow as individuals. We focus so much on academic, sport and cultural success, but we often tend to neglect the soft skills, the emotional intelligence, the critical thinking and the leadership skills that are so important for highly functional individuals in civil society. We offer a holistic education model, and this program has filled a gap that has been somewhat neglected due to time-constraints, overloaded curricula and staff.

The TLT program, with its passionate course coordinators, has and will continue to help the girls to reach inside themselves and to unlock the potential that we know is already there. It will give them the confidence and the skills to be the leaders we need them to be and to make a positive impact on society. It will help them to take ownership of their personal development, whilst helping to instil values that will help them to see and acknowledge

others around them. TLT is a values-based program and aligns very well with the values-based education we offer. We expect all our girls to develop a values system which will allow them to work in an environment with others – honesty, respect, kindness, empathy and hard work - and this is all part of what this program teaches them.

Our country is crying out for better leaders and it is looking to schools such as ours to produce these leaders; people who can impact on society in a positive way. We all have a responsibility to heed this call and I hope that as parents, you will consider making this wonderful opportunity available to your daughters; they are worth it.

Yours sincerely



**TA MEGOM (Mrs)**

Headmistress

