

Empowering the Future:

A Century of Sisterhood and Success



Celebrating 100 Years of Excellence...

You could be part of their future

It had always been my dream to go to Parktown and I could have never imagined myself elsewhere. Parktown's rich history gave us the power and voice to put forth new initiatives and give back to the community. I adored the faculty, from teachers to administrators to the maintenance team, and the excellent people who have kept our school a shining star in our community and who are still maintaining its beauty and graceful ageing. I was honoured and privileged to be selected as choir captain and also received full colours in academics, which I could not have achieved without the tireless work, advice and support from teachers, their extra lessons and a student run peer tutoring programme. One of the most vivid and memorable experiences was as a Grade 8 student, sitting on the drive for an assembly to celebrate the school's birthday. All the Old Girls in attendance were asked to stand up and I remember being in awe of the generations of Old Girls surrounding us as they got up from their seats. That moment showed me that Parktown was not just a school but a community that rallied around each other and continues to do so.

Christine, Class of 2021



I qualified for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics in my matric year, and with the help of PHSG taking care of me academically matriculated with a Bachelors degree and 2 distinctions. It is extremely important for PHSG to remain a school that is able to provide for girls from different backgrounds. Girls shouldn't be robbed of quality education because of the circumstances that they come from.

*Caitlin Rooskrantz,
Class of 2019*

I do not believe there is a teacher or staff member that has not impacted my life and contributed even in the smallest of ways to my success. I found a home at PHSG and it was really a place where I defined myself and the trajectory I wanted for my life. By remaining a school where girls from all walks of life are given an opportunity to be Parktown Stars, no girl gets left behind and through investing in these girls they invest in a very successful future for SA.

Dineo Kwetepane, Class of 2020

To honour and respect oneself and others is one of the most important lessons I learnt. I am still commended to this day for how I hold myself up and the respect I show to others. I am a very proud Parktown Old Girl.

Phemelo, Class of 2020

No matter what kind of background the learners come from, the school is always willing to help where they can.

Lourien Ntlanganiso, Class of 2022

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In my perspective, maintaining a high school where girls from all walks of life are given the opportunity to be Parktown 'Stars' is of utmost importance. Such an environment isn't just about education; it's about empowerment, inclusivity, and the positive impact it has on individuals and society. First and foremost, an inclusive high school environment empowers girls to realise their full potential. When every girl is encouraged to excel, regardless of her background, she gains more than just academic skills. She develops self-confidence, resilience, and a belief in her own capabilities, setting the stage for lifelong success. Promoting equality and diversity is a core value that PHSG upholds. When the school provides equal opportunities to girls from various backgrounds, it sends a clear message about the importance of equal access to education and personal development. This nurtures a sense of belonging and creates a space where every student's unique story is valued. Lastly, the impact of an inclusive high school goes beyond its walls. Empowered girls who have had the opportunity to be Parktown 'Stars' are more likely to contribute positively to their communities and society at large. They become advocates for change, breaking down barriers and creating a more equitable future for all. In conclusion, maintaining a high school where girls from all backgrounds can be 'Stars' isn't just important; it's transformative. It empowers individuals, fosters inclusivity, and shapes the leaders and changemakers of tomorrow. This is an investment not only in education but also in the betterment of society.

Nqobile Ntshalintshali, Class of 2020

Being a Parktown Girl was a huge badge of honour for me among my family who had all attended township high schools and not had the opportunity to pursue tertiary education until later in life. The standard of excellence at Parktown constantly pushed me to be better. I achieved academic full colours twice, as well as a subject award at Valediction, was secretary of the Potted Sports Committee as well as the RCL. Persisting is one of the Habits of the Mind that were instilled in us at Parktown. This habit specifically, has been a driving force in many of the challenges I've faced both in my personal life and my career. I am currently a first generation Wits University student, soon to be a graduate. Being the first in my family to obtain a degree is an achievement that would not have been possible if I had not had the opportunity to attend PHSG. The schools close to home and the schools my parents and family members attended, are under resourced, and are increasingly struggling to support their students, much less help them achieve academically. The contrast between the standard of education I received compared to the education I would have received had my mom not been given the financial relief needed to keep me at Parktown, is a glaring and humbling one. And that humbling privilege is part of the reason I decided to become an educator. PHSG really has the potential to make meaningful and lasting change in the lives of girls from low income households.

Tamia Keadré Brown, Class of 2017

Hello

Welcome to the Parktown High School for Girls family



As we celebrate our centennial, we remain steadfast in our mission while adapting to an ever-changing world. We believe in the difference we are making for our incredible country, and we invite you to join us in sustaining this legacy of empowerment for generations to come.

Nestled in the heart of Parkview, Johannesburg, Parktown High School for Girls has been a beacon of learning excellence for over a century. Serving a diverse community of learners from neighbouring suburbs and surrounding townships, our school proudly represents a microcosm of South African society. With over 1000 students across grades 8-12, we embrace our rich cultural tapestry, preparing our students to thrive in the real world beyond our gates.

Despite our picturesque heritage buildings and grounds, situated in an affluent, middle class area, financial resources remain a challenge. Our commitment to providing access to quality education for all, regardless of socio-economic background, means that up to 20% of our budget is dedicated to fee exemptions. As this model becomes increasingly unsustainable, we seek partnerships with individuals and businesses like you to help us continue empowering young women through holistic education.

Our mission is to empower the next generation of female leaders by providing a comprehensive and nurturing educational experience. We strive to cultivate strong, confident women who will make a lasting impact on society and contribute to our nation's progress.

Our school has become a beacon of academic excellence, consistently achieving outstanding results and earning recognition as the top institution in our district. For years, we have been the leading feeder school to WITS University, boasting a 100% pass rate and an impressive bachelor exemption rate of over 94%. In light of our country's unique challenges, these accomplishments are truly remarkable.

Beyond academics, our students have ample opportunities to excel in sports, cultural activities, and community service. From Olympic gymnasts to national debaters, our girls learn invaluable life skills that extend far beyond the classroom. Guided by our star of service emblem, we instil the values of body, mind, and soul in service to God and humankind.

Our proud alumni network spans various industries and professions, making significant contributions both locally and globally. These inspiring women serve as living proof of the impact Parktown High School for Girls has had over the past century.

Our vision of

“confident, courageous, compassionate, curious, collaborative and creative young women, ready and willing to meet every challenge on the way to achieving their dreams”

supported by our mission

- ❖ providing a dynamic academic, cultural and sporting curriculum;
- ❖ creating an awareness of the importance of selfless service to others;
- ❖ encouraging flexible, critical and creative thinking;
- ❖ building a powerful synergy of tradition and innovation;
- ❖ facilitating the journey of personal discovery through participation and stretching beyond the barriers.

together with our school values

Respect	Inclusivity	Honesty
Integrity	Kindness	Accountability

aim to take learners from all 'walks of life' and ensure that each and every one of them leave the School in grade 12, with equal advantage and an equal opportunity for success

Investing in our Future

10 Compelling Reasons to support Parktown High School for Girls

- 1. Holistic Education for Tomorrow's Leaders:** Our primary focus is providing comprehensive and inclusive education to a diverse group of young women, equipping them with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to become the future leaders our country needs.
- 2. Inclusivity and Support:** We welcome students from all backgrounds, offering academic and financial support when needed. Our commitment to mental health awareness includes two full-time psychologists and a social worker on staff, ensuring equal opportunities for success regardless of each student's starting point.
- 3. Leadership and Service:** We emphasise the importance of leadership and service, preparing our students to excel in various fields such as business, politics, medicine, teaching, engineering, or nurturing the next generation as mothers.
- 4. Extracurricular Enrichment:** Our extensive extracurricular program offers cultural, athletic, service, leadership, and academic opportunities, fostering well-rounded individuals and teaching valuable life skills beyond the classroom.
- 5. Academic Excellence:** As a top school in our district and province, and a leading feeder school to the University of the Witwatersrand, our alumni have consistently demonstrated outstanding achievements across all faculties.
- 6. Dedicated Educators:** We prioritise hiring and retaining exceptional teachers who engage in professional development to stay current with educational research and methodologies, ensuring our students receive the best possible education.
- 7. Leading Public Education:** With our impressive academic results and highly qualified staff, we are at the forefront of public education in South Africa. However, maintaining our infrastructure and staff requires additional investment beyond school fees and government subsidies. As a public school, the Department of Education pays for 48 staff members (teachers, admin and maintenance), but we have 103 staff members (55 paid for by the School Governing Body from school fees). In addition to the 48 staff members, we receive a subsidy of R823 900 (2023 figure), half of which has to be spent on textbooks, paper and other teaching support material, with the remainder needing to cover maintenance, cleaning, telephone, electricity, fuel, and other municipal costs.
- 8. Supportive Parent Community:** Our Parents' Association works tirelessly to raise funds in the region of R400 000 per annum, supplementing our income for small infrastructure projects. We seek partnerships to enhance our resources for long-term initiatives.
- 9. Commitment to Public Education:** Believing that our nation's future relies on a strong public school system, we are eager to share our successful model with others if provided the financial means to sustain and develop our resources and staff.
- 10. Strong Governance and Management:** With effective governance structures in place, we possess the skills and systems necessary to manage large projects and donor funding responsibly.



How can you make a difference?

We envision establishing an endowment fund of one billion rand (R1,000,000,000) to support and nurture the leadership potential of future generations at Parktown High School for Girls. Our targeted short-term, long-term, and ongoing projects encompass:

Enhancing Maintenance Staff Accommodation (Lalapanzi)

Our dedicated staff is the backbone of our school, with our maintenance team playing a particularly vital role. They work tirelessly to preserve our beautiful heritage building and maintain our stunning grounds. With a combined service of 146 years, our 13 maintenance staff members demonstrate remarkable loyalty and commitment.

Six of these team members reside on the property in a compound called Lalapanzi. As part of our Centenary celebrations, we aim to upgrade and refurbish Lalapanzi to accommodate more staff members and express our gratitude for their invaluable service over the years. This project is estimated to cost around R1,500,000, and our Parents' Association has already raised approximately R500,000 towards this goal.

Supporting Students Through Bursaries

We proudly welcome learners from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, with approximately 20% of our students coming from families unable to afford school fees. We are deeply committed to providing a quality education for every student who enters our doors. To sustain this commitment, we seek external partners willing to join us in ensuring that all learners can benefit from the holistic education we provide, regardless of their financial situation.

By establishing an endowment fund, our school will be better equipped to offer bursaries or scholarships to deserving students, securing their access to quality education and contributing to the school's long-term sustainability. To achieve this goal, we require approximately R10,000,000 per year, enabling us to support around 150 learners.

Expanding Classroom Capacity

With our school's growth over the years and our commitment to maintaining small class sizes for optimal teaching and learning, we recognise the need for an additional 10-15 brick and mortar classrooms. Undertaking a project of this scale would require an estimated budget of R20,000,000.

How can you make a difference?

Constructing an Amphitheatre / Lecture Theatre

Building a lecture theatre would empower us to teach an entire grade at once, maximizing our teaching resources and facilitating team teaching for specific topics. This approach allows teachers with specialised expertise to instruct the whole grade while their colleagues learn from the experience. Additionally, a lecture theatre would benefit student teachers and enable outreach programs with other schools. A project of this magnitude is estimated to cost around R15,000,000.

Sustaining Our Heritage School Building, Grounds, and Facilities

In addition to our current efforts funded by school resources, we require approximately R1,000,000 annually for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our heritage school building, grounds, and facilities. We are presently seeking funds to repair our leaking swimming pool, a project estimated to cost around R800,000.

Future Desirable Projects (Costs TBD)

- Sports Pavilion: A facility overlooking the AstroTurf, swimming pool, netball courts, and tennis courts.
- Music Centre: A dedicated space for choir, marimbas, orchestra, and individual lessons.
- Language and Drama Centre: A specialised centre for teaching language skills (remedial and extended), as well as drama and public speaking.



As we celebrate the 100-year legacy of our sisterhood, we graciously welcome not only monetary donations but also contributions of time and expertise.

Support our Legacy Fund

A century ago, the visionary founders of Parktown High school for Girls established a non-profit association to bolster the school's interests, aptly named the 'Parktown Girls High School Sports Club.'

As we embrace the next 100 years of Parktown Girls, we have updated the Sports Club Constitution to expand its focus beyond sports and transform it into an endowment fund. Consequently, the association has been rebranded as the **Parktown Girls' Legacy Fund**.

The Parktown Girls' Legacy Fund has received approval from SARS as a Public Benefit Organization (PBO number 930040358), granting it tax-exempt status. Additionally, the fund has been awarded Section 18A status under the Income Tax Act, allowing donations to the Legacy Fund to be tax-deductible for donors. For all contributions, the Legacy Fund will issue Section 18A certificates.

The Parktown Girls' Legacy Fund includes all members of the School Governing Body, such as the headmistress, educator members, parent members, learner members, and the school's deputy principals. The Legacy Fund maintains financial records throughout the year, which are audited annually to ensure transparency and accountability.

As the number of fee-exempt students rises and state subsidies decrease, we recognise the importance of the Legacy Fund in supporting future generations of Parktown Girls and maintaining and enhancing our school's infrastructure. This vital resource enables us to continue providing high-quality education to a diverse group of learners while upholding academic excellence within an inclusive, stimulating, and nurturing environment.



Building a Brighter Future:

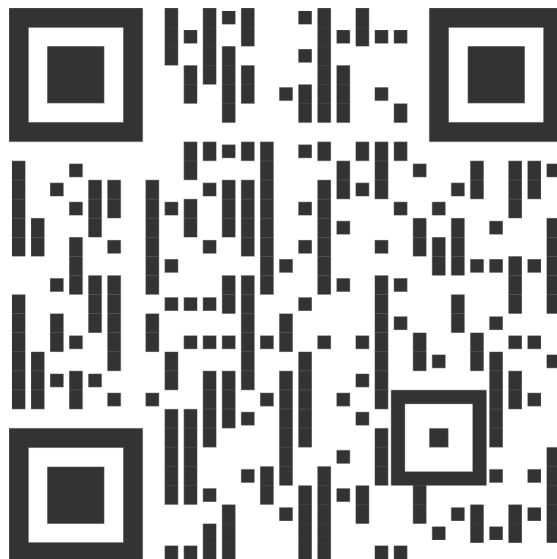
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Uniting for a Brighter Tomorrow



As we stand on the shoulders of a century-long legacy, let us come together to empower and inspire the next generation of strong, confident women. Your support, whether through monetary donations, time, or expertise, will help us continue to shape the future leaders our world needs. Join us in this exciting journey as we nurture our sisterhood, strengthen our community, and build a brighter tomorrow for all. Together, we can make a lasting impact that echoes through generations to come. Let's unite, ignite our passion, and transform lives at Parktown High School for Girls!



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