

Stanford Lake College



Labor et Integritas



ABOUT US

Founded in 1998, Stanford Lake College is an independent English-medium co-educational high school. Four hundred kilometres northeast of Johannesburg lies Magoebaskloof, picturesquely situated between Tzaneen and Polokwane, near the hamlet of Haenertsburg.

Our vision is to optimise our uniqueness, and in so doing, develop balanced, globally astute individuals. Our values-based education, the programmes we subscribe to, our membership of the Round Square organisation, our focus on pupil mental wellness through the Visible Wellbeing programme, our symbiotic relationship with our immediate natural environment and our highly qualified caring staff enable us to offer a truly unique experience to our pupils.

Stanford Lake College is a Christian ethos school which welcomes pupils from different cultures, religions, races and languages.

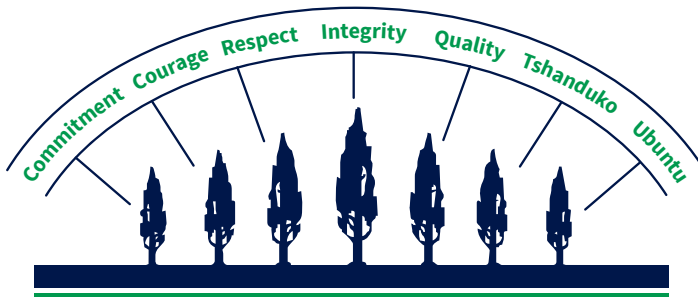


Mr Alan Redfern,
Headmaster

250
pupils

OUR VALUES

Our unique values were written by Stanfordinians for Stanfordinians. Each value is represented by one of the seven trees on our school logo. They form the heartbeat of who we are, connecting us and providing the foundation upon which we grow.



I have integrity – I am honest and trustworthy

I have courage – I stretch myself beyond the ordinary

I have respect – I show it and I earn it

I value quality – I will ignite a passion for excellence

I have commitment – What I start I will finish: I am accountable

Tshanduko – I learn for life

Ubuntu – We are a family, celebrating the strength in our diversity



ACADEMICS

Our commitment to education is a promise to care for the young people who are our future leaders. It's an investment in time and relationship building, and one in which teachers take students on an exciting journey of discovery.

It's a journey during which we aim to inspire curiosity about the world; the courage to explore and the confidence to lead.

We follow the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) curriculum, which allows learners entry into local and international institutions of higher learning. It encourages them to think critically and solve problems creatively; shows them how to apply the knowledge they acquire; and prepares them for university or college.



ACADEMICS

Stanford Lake College offers a variety of subjects within the IEB framework.

With a teacher to pupil ratio of 1:9, teachers are able to address issues comprehensively and monitor each pupil's individual progress.

Stanford Lake College prides itself on developing independent thinkers who will have the cognitive skills to access life-long learning. In Grades 8 and 9, the academic programme is delivered within the Round Square Discovery Framework where the focus is on teaching skills rather than content alone.

Benchmarking with the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) confirms that the IEB Senior Certificate meets international standards.

100%

Matric pass
rate in
2024

96%

University
exemption in
2024



ROUND SQUARE



In today's world, character education is widely acknowledged to be essential in the development of well-rounded, active and informed global citizens.

Founded in 1966, Round Square is an internationally diverse network of over 237 like-minded schools in 50 countries on six continents. These schools collaborate to create meaningful, real-world opportunities for students to develop global competence, character and understanding.

In the junior years (Grades 8 & 9) students are also exposed to the academic Round Square Discovery Framework, which places at its heart the six Round Square IDEALS and twelve 'Discoveries'. These skills, values and characteristics provide students with the skills and context required to make their learning relevant to our ever-changing, global world.

In Grade 10, students are given the opportunity to go on exchange, studying for a period of six weeks to three months at any of the Round Square-affiliated schools worldwide.

“Today’s students are the leaders of the future. It’s our responsibility to prepare them well.”

- Round Square



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

In order to create true leaders at Stanford Lake College, all pupils go through a programme which prepares them for a role of service within the school.

They not only receive explicit training but through the “Dream an’ Do” programme, the school’s sport and cultural activities and our collaboration with Round Square, implicit development takes place.

PASTORAL CARE

We have several levels of Pastoral Care available to our students. Stanford Lake College follows a Visible Wellbeing programme developed by Professor Lea Waters. This approach aims to provide both students and staff with a psychological toolkit that allows them to lead flourishing lives where they are able to feel and function at their best. The programme is overseen by Mr Shane Friedrichs: Deputy Head and Ms Happy Chauke, the School Counsellor, who is responsible for all counselling initiatives. Every student in the school belongs to a tutor group of approximately 10 students. All academic and boarding house staff play an integral role in the tutor system.



BOARDING

70%
of pupils at SLC
are boarders

Seventy percent of pupils at Stanford Lake College are weekly or termly boarders.

Our boarding houses are a place for social development, providing endless opportunities for self-discovery, individual growth and making friends for life.

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Boarding houses

The secure and structured environment is designed to recognise and nurture individuals for who they are. The boarding houses are modern and comfortable and every effort is made to ensure that students are happy and productive. Weekend activities are arranged for termly boarders.

1
Day Scholar
house

Each boarding house is supervised by a senior house parent who has a residence attached to it. We have a full-time Sanatorium Sister living on campus and a consultant Doctor when required.



ADVENTURE

***“It’s not the mountain we conquer
but ourselves.”***
- Sir Edmund Hillary

Adventure is a cornerstone of education at Stanford Lake College. Adventure racing, mountain biking, kayaking, wall climbing, abseiling, rafting, orienteering, archery and wilderness expeditions form part of our outdoor curriculum, teaching skills that push beyond the ordinary outside the classroom.

We take the safety of our students extremely seriously and all adventure classes, trips and expeditions are conducted by professionally trained expedition leaders.

Pupils in Grade 8 and 9 spend one full day per fortnight (three lessons per week) attending Outdoor Education lessons at the Dream an’ Do (DAD) Centre, and enjoy two different expeditions each year.



SPORTS

Stanford Lake College offers a wide range of traditional as well as adventure sporting opportunities. Numerous students have excelled at both the provincial and national level in sports ranging from cricket and hockey to mountain biking and fly fishing.

Our students are taught to compete with purpose and commitment, striving for excellence and always within the school's value system of fair play and sportsmanship.

Our facilities include a state-of-the-art water-based hockey astro turf; cricket, rugby and soccer fields; tennis and netball courts; a lake and access to kilometres of mountain biking haven. The High Performance Centre boasts a fully equipped gym, two squash courts, two classrooms, four offices for sports staff, an aerobics floor and a 25-metre indoor heated swimming pool.



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