



A Heritage of Excellence

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“More than just a School”



- Maintain the traditions and heritage of Durban High School (DHS)
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- Build and maintain a centre of excellence for the development of young men as future leaders
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- Remain a leader in education through the development of a multi-nodal educational campus
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- Raise the standard of education by constantly improving the quality of academics, culture and sport at DHS
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- Build and strengthen the association with DHS Old Boys and the DHS Foundation Trust

Focus areas for Excellence



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Academics

Build and maintain an academic centre of excellence providing quality education, in quality facilities, with quality educators to ensure all learners reach their full potential



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Recruitment & Admissions

Focus on recruiting and admitting young men who show potential and who thrive on contributing to the DHS culture of excellence



3

Sports & Culture

Build and maintain a sporting and cultural centre of excellence with world-class facilities and facilitators



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Financial Stability

Ensure robust financial and good-governance controls are implemented and maintained by highly-qualified individuals

Implemented Strategies

Nonpareil Academy and Cambridge International School



The Nonpareil Academy is designed for motivated and academically talented boys whose needs are not adequately met in the traditional classroom setting. The selection of boys is based on the applicants meeting the basic requirements for admission. These requirements include above average intelligence, high EQ and excellent self-discipline. Boys who are selected for the programme are expected to function at a high level of excellence. The Academy serves as an instrument for further development and progression within the DHS context and then in the tertiary education environment... [more](#)

DHS is an approved Cambridge International School that offers a unique opportunity to provide our boys with up-to-date, quality education of the highest international standards. The Cambridge Assessment International Examinations (CAIE) is a world-class international education programme that gives students an excellent opportunity to apply to tertiary education institutions worldwide. The highly respected syllabus allows boys to develop a deeper understanding of subjects and, through refined and interactive teaching techniques, they are given the skills to be able to explore their chosen subjects at a more complex level... [more](#)

DHS offers three internationally recognised qualifications: IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education), AS Level (Advanced Subsidiary Level) and A Level (Advanced Level) Programmes. On completion of their selected course the boys write examinations which

are set and marked by the University of Cambridge International Examinations Board (IEB) in the United Kingdom.

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To successfully implement these curricula, the classroom facilities need to be upgraded which in turn drives the modernisation of DHS facilities.

There is a premium payable for these qualifications and as a result a growth in the number of boys enrolling in these programs improves the financial sustainability of DHS.

Implemented Strategies

Swales Online Academy



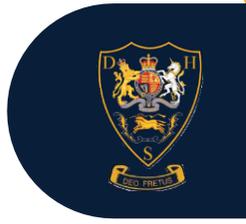
Swales Online Academy is an independent online school in South Africa offering quality education by using innovative digital and video teaching techniques.

We currently offer grades 4 - 9 and we use high standard assessments while taking a modern approach to exams and study. Grades 10 - 12 will be phased in annually from 2022.

The Swales Online Academy is an innovative development to educating in the digital age, and ensures DHS is at the forefront of providing a continuous, quality education, regardless of pupils' circumstances... [more](#)

In partnership with the Swales Online Academy, this platform allows the quality education DHS offers to reach beyond the borders of Durban. It guarantees that School remains at the forefront of the development of education globally with the use of technology.

The online environment allows the school to break through traditional gender and age limitations and so increase its scope for financial sustainability.



NewBridge College



The future of work is changing quickly, and many jobs that will exist in 2030 do not exist today. While this is an exciting prospect, it also presents a remarkable challenge for traditional educational models.

NewBridge College has taken the initiative to develop an independent, contemporary and responsive educational model that is designed to adapt to our ever-changing world and give students the tools to thrive and comfortably navigate a work landscape that is constantly evolving.

The best way for students to effectively prepare for the future is to ensure they remain relevant and valuable in tomorrow's world of business. It is not only what students learn today, but also how they learn to facilitate ongoing personal and career growth.

To support our educational approach, NewBridge College also prioritises industry exposure, work experience, community upliftment and the development of critical skills in any chosen career... [more](#)

Situated on the DHS campus, NewBridge College prides itself on an advanced, blended teaching approach. This comprises student collaborative teaching, extensive group work, online engagement and discussion, as well as soft skills development, professional development and a teach-lecture-tutor methodology.

Implemented Strategies

Barry Richards High Performance Cricket Centre

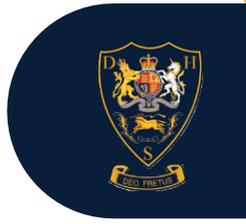


DHS has a rich cricketing heritage with a long list of international stars, and the state-of-the-art Barry Richards High Performance Cricket Centre is helping ensure DHS maintains its place as one of South Africa's top cricketing schools. In 2019, for the first time, DHS gained Blue Chip Status from Cricket South Africa (CSA). This is the federation's highest qualification rating and is only awarded to schools for Cricket Excellence.

Schools are ranked according to a Cricket Index which, amongst other criteria, evaluates schools on the number of teams, total matches played, coaches' qualifications, facilities and representation in provincial and national teams. To maintain DHS stellar reputation on and off the cricket field, the coaching staff ensures there is always a high standard on instruction in combination with the top training facilities.

DHS boasts a state-of-the-art, three-laned indoor cricket academy. The facility is used extensively by the DHS teams but has also been used by the Dolphins, Coastal Teams as well as numerous KZN representative schools' teams.

The top-quality pitches allow players to bowl in spikes and the batting surface is the closest artificial surface to a normal turf wicket.



Seabrooke's Theatre and Chris Seabrooke Music Centre



Seabrooke's Theatre is a comfortable 103-seat, air-conditioned theatre used by the school's Dramatic Arts Department as well as amateur and professional companies and groups. Most recently the theatre has hosted Kickstart's Production, *Sylvia*, while well-known South African comedian Aaron McIlroy and DHS very own Director of Music, Natalie Rungan, have performed in the Chris Seabrooke Music Centre... [more](#)

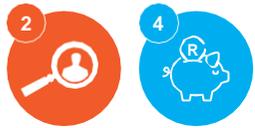
The Chris Seabrooke Music Centre boasts nine practice rooms, a soundproof project-recording studio, and an auditorium. The auditorium seats 90 people and houses a baby grand piano. It is fully equipped with an instrument backline and sound system... [more](#)

The Chris Seabrooke Music Centre and Seabrooke's Theatre provide a platform of endless possibilities for young performing artists to grow their talent. The facilities have positioned DHS to become an epicentre for thriving music and drama programmes that are central to the culture of the school as well as the province of KZN.

In addition, the Chris Seabrooke Music Centre is a marking centre for Trinity College London music exams, which allows music students to register at DHS for their Trinity Grade in both music practical and music theory.

Implemented Strategies

Upgrade & Increase in capacity of Blackmore House



As a result of increased demand for boarding at DHS, the capacity of Blackmore House has been significantly increased with the opening of a dedicated junior dormitory.

The garages at this famous boarding establishment have been converted into Grade 8 rooms that will now accommodate 40 Grade 8 learners.

This provides DHS with an opportunity to accommodate more boys from beyond the greater Durban area and from outside the KZN borders.

The increased capacity results in more revenue being generated from this facility.



Proactive working relationship with the DHS Foundation



The DHS Foundation Trust, through its DHS Old Boys representatives, is increasingly participating in the strategic, operational and financial decision making of the school. This provides the DHS decision makers with access to a vast array of experts in their field, and so ensure that strategic decisions are well informed and in the best interest of the school community.

The DHS Foundation Trust was established shortly after the Second World War, and its purpose is to develop and uplift DHS through its partnerships with the school community of DHS Old Boys, parents, staff and learners... [more](#)

The DHS Foundation Trust has been instrumental in maintaining and improving the school facilities, and in establishing bursaries to enable deserving learners, who would otherwise not have had the means to do so, to attend DHS. As a result of these efforts, DHS maintains its pre-eminent position as one of the top schools in the country, based on its academic, sporting, extra mural, cultural and other accomplishments.

Part of the DHS Foundation Trust mission is to generate financial support for DHS, and to ensure that the strategic objectives of DHS are met, both in the short term and in the future. The success of the DHS Foundation, however, relies on the contribution of DHS Old Boys.

Future Projects

Extension of Cambridge International School



As an approved Cambridge International School, DHS offers a unique opportunity to provide learners with an internationally recognised qualification from an organisation that sets the global standard for education.

The Cambridge Assessment International Examinations (CAIE) is a world-class international education programme that gives boys an opportunity to apply to tertiary education institutions all over the world.

The extension of the Cambridge International Academy will allow the programme to significantly increase their capacity. The ability to offer more IGSE, AS Level and A level certificates at DHS, will not only increase a revenue stream from external students, but also allows more of the current boys with an opportunity to obtain an internationally recognised qualification and so helps DHS offer a complete educational package for all.



Remedial Learning Centre



A fully functional Remedial Learning Centre that caters for boys who have mild to moderate needs will provide significant support to the traditional education on offer at DHS. Boys who are struggling to cope adequately in the mainstream school environment will be able to get increased assistance in an environment where they can build self-esteem and regain confidence on the way to achieving their full potential.

The Remedial Learning Centre will add another pillar towards building a holistic educational institution that ensures all DHS boys are able to maximise their potential. Identifying learning problems and attending to the causes is likely to decrease frustration and increase motivation for boys and leading to less disruptive and restless behaviour.

Future Projects

Career Guidance Centre



A comprehensive, state-of-the-art Career Guidance Centre will offer significant support to DHS boys as they make crucial life-altering decisions on subject choices and skills development. The Career Guidance Centre will offer advice for boys as they research, plan and develop career paths.

The unit can also offer assistance to parents and educators in dispensing age-appropriate support for boys with physical and mental health issues, as well as providing education and support around physical, mental and emotional abuse and cyberbullying.

The Career Guidance Centre can become a holistic hub of support for DHS boys as they transition into young adults, while also providing a respected income-generating facility for the Durban community.

Boys with defined goals are more likely to be motivated and focussed on achieving their potential which means they will be less likely to be disruptive. This in turn leads to a significant reduction in disciplinary issues.

Upgrade of information Systems & Classrooms within the School



In the 21st century, digital inequality is educational inequality. It is therefore crucial for DHS to keep up with the latest technological trends. High-speed fibre and a robust WiFi system allow both educators and learners to unlock the power of technology and ensure DHS remains at the forefront of educating a generation of boys who are able to step out of the school gates and into an ever-changing, increasingly technological workplace.

A well-designed programme of upgrading and modernising classrooms will reap benefits for many years. This in turn attracts better boys who achieve both inside and outside the classroom, and begins a cycle of attracting more, quality learners.





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