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2018 was an extremely busy year in the life of St Benedict's College. Not only were we kept occupied with events associated with our 60th birthday celebrations but the Pipe Band, the Rowing Club and the Hockey Club all turned 30 years old while the Rugby Club turned 20. This was a humbling experience for all as we paid tribute to those who made all these codes possible. There was a lot to cherish in 2018. The Rowing Club won the South African Rowing Championships for the 25th year in succession. At the South African Sports Awards held in Bloemfontein at the beginning of November; the rowing club won the award for 'School Sports Team of the year'. Over and above this, seven of our boys represented our country in four separate sports namely basketball, rowing, swimming and tennis. Coupled with this, over 50 boys represented their province in a variety of sports.

The beginning of 2019 sees the arrival of a new year alive with a whole host of opportunities, hopes and aspirations. St Benedict's College lays down a sound platform for the boys to achieve in all aspects of the College life. The onus, however, lies upon the boys to make use of their God-given talents and expand their skills as they endeavour to achieve their goals.

As Headmaster of the College, it is a privilege to lead a dynamic team of dedicated and committed staff in guiding and educating young men in a safe, academically enriching and Catholic environment. 'Veritas in Caritate' is the schools' motto which refers to a holistic education with a caring approach that aims to foster positive and dynamic relationships between the boys themselves and with their teachers. Our Tutor/Mentoring program "Turning Boys to Men" speaks to this philosophy which empowers our boys to learn from one another.

Sport at St Benedict's takes place during school hours and the unique integrated day ensures that the Academic day is divided offering the boys the chance to participate in a variety of sporting disciplines – ensuring that the boys participate in a sport every term and get the necessary exercise teenage boys require. They are also encouraged to involve themselves actively in a wide range of Cultural Activities while being mindful of the Catholic ideals and practises that govern the school. These four cornerstones make up the essence of St Benedict's.

The class of 2018 produced some superb results in the National Senior Certificate. Their results are a reflection of their hard work throughout their high school career and these results are justifiably deserved. The class of 2018 produced 265 distinctions at a distinction ratio of 2.1 per boy, with nine boys achieving a Full House of distinctions.

With a learner complement of 1400 across our three campuses, St Benedict's remains one of the largest private Catholic Boys School in South Africa. The College offers five classes per grade in grade 8 and 9 while in the FET band there are six classes per grade. Class sizes remain low with a maximum of 25 boys per class.

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I would like to use this opportunity to welcome every new boy to the St Benedict's family and I trust that 2019 will provide you with the platform to kickstart your high school career. May the St Benedict's community be showered with God's blessings this year.

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