



PREPARATORY SCHOOL HEADMASTER
BRENDAN QUINN
HED (Higher Education Diploma)

QUALIFICATIONS & CAREER SUMMARY

I qualified at the University of Johannesburg, majoring in English and Educational Psychology, qualifying with an HED (Higher Education Diploma) after four years. In 2015, I completed a qualification through the Leadership Development Programme at the Wits Business School. I am currently completing an Honours Degree specialising in Inclusive Education. In 2002, I began my first full-time teaching position at a state school, Constantia Kloof Primary School, where I taught English

and Mathematics and found myself involved in the cultural and sporting programme. In 2004, I was appointed at Maragon Private Schools where I taught High School English. Prior to my re-entry into Primary School education, I completed a short locum position, teaching English at Northcliff High School.

In 2006, I re-entered the independent sector when I was appointed at The Ridge School for boys. During my time at The Ridge,

I was fortunate to assume various roles as a Head of Grade and Head of Department. I also thoroughly enjoyed the sporting and dramatic aspects of my time spent there. In 2012, I left The Ridge School, having been appointed as the Deputy Head of Dainfern College Preparatory. I would later be appointed Head of School. In 2019, fuelled by my passion for an all-boys educational environment, I joined St Benedict's Preparatory.

BRIEF FAMILY BACKGROUND

I was born in Johannesburg. My brother and I were fortunate to be raised by two selfless and loving parents. I am married to my wonderfully supportive and loving wife, Selmari. My wife holds a Master's Degree and is a music teacher and talented pianist. We are blessed with two young, beautiful daughters.

ROLE AT BENNIES

I oversee the running of the Preparatory School which involves carefully managing the four pillars of Academics; Culture; Religion and Sport. I chair the Academic Futures and Strategic Council on behalf of the School's Executive Committee and oversee the broad implementation of the aligned strategy. I also chair the Health and Safety Committee on behalf of the School's Executive.

VIEWS ON DIVERSITY

Playing an active role in the embracing of diversity is to allow for differing world views amongst varying talent to formulate unique ideas for the furthering of an organisation. We are an incredibly diverse nation with a population of individuals yearning for a sense of belonging. To embrace diversity is to embrace inclusion. If we are to authentically include then we are to work towards eradicating our capacity to exclude. In order to celebrate diversity, we need to embrace collaboration and partnerships between all stakeholders in our school's community.

ONE WORD THAT SUMMARISES MY EXPERIENCE AT BENNIES

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MY FAVOURITE PILLAR

Impossible - **the four pillars** work collaboratively in helping to produce a holistic critical thinker for the 21st Century.

MY FAVOURITE QUOTE...

"Ancora Imparo - I am still learning"
Michelangelo

