HOËRSKOOL BEN VILJOEN



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More than just a school– A HERITAGE

Grade 8

INFORMATION BOOKLET

WELCOME TO THE DALLER FAMILY

DEAR BEN VILJOEN PARENT



A very warm welcome to the Ben Viljoen family! May the journey you begin with your child in 2027 be filled with joy for you and your family.

At our school, learners, staff, and parents form its unique heartbeat. Academics are the cornerstone of our school, and we strive to recognise and support every learner's interests and needs. It is equally important that every Grade 8 learner feels at home, makes new friends and quickly settles into the Ben Viljoen rhythm.

We encourage every learner to become involved in school activities, even if it is initially only as a supporter. In this way, they get to know their fellow learners and the school better while developing a true sense of belonging. At Ben Viljoen, we create opportunities for participation, growth and fun. We teach our learners to learn from disappointments, face challenges with courage and celebrate success with humility.

We trust that the Grade 8 learners of 2027 will approach their high school journey with vision and enthusiasm, grow and develop here, and bring their school careers to a memorable close in 2031.

Although high school learners are already one step closer to adulthood, parents remain an indispensable part of the school community and everything we undertake. We thank you in advance for your positive involvement and support. Encourage your child to take on increasing responsibility, but continue to remain involved. As parents and educators, we must work hand in hand to guide every child along the path to adulthood.

Please read this information booklet carefully with your child to ensure that you are familiar with everything taking place at the school during the first term. Please pay particular attention to the fact that all Grade 8 "Owlets" are required to attend every home event throughout the year.

We believe that your journey with Hoërskool Ben Viljoen will be filled with excitement, adventure, new friendships and interesting challenges. May our learners push their boundaries, explore new horizons and discover their full potential within the safe and supportive framework of integrity, loyalty, respect, responsibility and compassion for others.

OUR SCHOOL ANTHEM












Die stroompie uit 'n verre tyd
het berg en hoogland oopgesplyt
en breed blink nou 'n wye stroom
deur bosse waar die stiltes droom.

Die droom het hier 'n daad geword
wat sterk oor wal en sluise stort
die water sing wat nou hier vloei
laat landery' en boorde bloei

Ons wat die groter toekoms erf
ploeg dieper los bind groot die gerf
ontbos die berg en grawe wyd
kanale van die nuwe tyd

We are the future of our school
We plough, we sow, provide the fuel
for strength, success and honest trust
together, a future true and just

Kom maat en vriend kom vat my
hand
ons dien een volk een vaderland
en is ons werk ons eer
wen ons die oes wat ons begeer.











DEAR OWLET OF 2027

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR DECISION TO JOIN THE BEN VILJOEN FAMILY.
YOU WON'T REGRET YOUR CHOICE...
WE ARE A WINNING TEAM IN GREEN AND GOLD!

All Grade 8 learners at Hoërskool Ben Viljoen are known as "Owlets". From the very first day of school in 2027, "Owlets" will be required to wear their formal school uniform supplemented by additional items. Details regarding these additional items will be communicated to them. The **COMPULSORY** welcome pack costs **R380** and covers all Grade 8 fees.

Grade 8 Fee:
The compulsory Grade 8 fee of R380 includes:

- Camp fee
- Owl cap
- Owl socks
- Grade 8 bib

Attire:
Every Day: Formal school uniform with the Grade 8 bib and accessories

First Day (Tuesday, 12 January 2027):
All Grade 8 learners are requested to be at the school on 12 January - the day before the school officially reopens on 13 January - from 07:00 to 13:00. During this welcome session, learners will be introduced to all the teachers and members of the Executive Council (EC). They will also receive their scripts and textbooks.

Grade 8 Camp:
The Grade 8 "Owlets" camp will take place after the Interhouse Swimming Gala on 15 January and conclude on Saturday, 16 January, at 07:00. Parents are also welcome to attend the sunrise service on the same morning.

Grade 8 Concert:
There will be a Grade 8 concert, for which we will be rehearsing intensively during the first few weeks. This concert will then be performed for the school and the public. All "Owlets" are required to participate in this concert, which will be held for the public on 16 February and 18 February. The dress rehearsal for this concert will take place on 15 February.

Grade 8 Bell-Ringing and Blazer Ceremony:
The Grade 8 bell-ringing and blazer ceremony will take place after the Grade 8 concert on 18 February. School blazers are compulsory for all Grade 8 learners.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AS A GRADE 8 LEARNER?

A NEW CHAPTER. NEW OPPORTUNITIES. NEW DREAMS. A NEW YOU!

Grade 8 is the beginning of an exciting adventure in which you discover new things, push your boundaries, build friendships and learn to believe in yourself. Here, you have the opportunity to develop your talents, pursue your dreams and become part of a school with a proud tradition spanning over the past 80 years, renowned for our Daller heart.

Here is what awaits you:

- **A fresh perspective and new challenges!** High school is a brand-new experience with new subjects, new responsibilities and new opportunities. Be curious, ask questions, try new things and discover what you are truly capable of achieving.
- **Friendships that can last a lifetime!** Everyone starts somewhere, and every Grade 8 learner will still be finding their feet. Do not wait for someone else to say hello first. Introduce yourself, smile and be friendly. The person sitting next to you could become your best friend for the next five years!
- **Dreams that give direction to your future!** Start dreaming about tomorrow today. Discover your interests, develop your skills and set goals for yourself. Every decision, every lesson and every challenge helps shape the person you want to become. The future is full of possibilities, and you have the opportunity to make a difference.
- **Opportunities to grow and succeed!** Whether you shine on the sports field, on stage, in the classroom or behind the scenes, there is a place where you can put your talents to use. Success does not necessarily mean coming first – it means doing your best, learning from your mistakes, persevering and celebrating every little victory.
- **Involvement that makes you part of something bigger!** Do not just be a spectator – get involved! Participate in sport, culture, academics and school activities. Support your friends, show your Daller pride and contribute to a positive school environment. Remember: every learner makes a difference, and together we form one school, one family and one heartbeat!
- **Responsibility and independence!** High school teaches you to make your own decisions, manage your time wisely and take responsibility for your actions. You will not always get everything right the first time, but every challenge offers an opportunity to learn, grow stronger and move forward with greater confidence.
- **The best version of YOURSELF!** Here, you do not have to pretend to be someone else to fit in. Be proud of who you are, respect others and be willing to learn something new every day. Your high school years are an opportunity to build your character, strengthen your confidence and discover your full potential.

YOUR JOURNEY. YOUR OPPORTUNITIES. YOUR DALLER STORY!

GRADE 8 GUIDLINES

The transition from primary school to high school marks the beginning of a new and exciting chapter. As a new Daller, you become part of a school with strong values and a proud heritage. Along with this privilege comes responsibility. We expect every Grade 8 learner to help live out the Daller culture and proudly uphold our motto, **OUR WORK – OUR HONOUR**.

As a Grade 8 learner, you are expected to:

- **Show respect:** Treat all teachers, staff members, EC members and senior learners with respect, courtesy and dignity. Your conduct and language should always reflect your good manners.
- **Live out the school's values:** Embrace and respect Hoërskool Ben Viljoen's ethos, traditions, customs, rules and values. Be proud to be part of the Daller family.
- **Get to know the school:** Make a conscious effort to learn about the school's history, traditions, customs, routines and expectations. Remember that you are now part of something bigger.
- **Learn people's names:** Learn the names of your teachers, other staff members and EC members. This will help you settle in more easily and contribute to positive relationships within the school community.
- **Participate actively:** Enthusiastically take part in the Grade 8 concert, athletics, Grade 8 camp and other activities organised for your grade. These opportunities help you make new friends, discover your talents and develop your Daller heart.
- **Be helpful:** Offer your assistance during school gatherings and functions, and work alongside the EC members when required. Be willing to do your part, even if it sometimes means helping behind the scenes.
- **Uphold the school's good name:** Act responsibly at all times and remember that you represent Hoërskool Ben Viljoen. Your behaviour, words and decisions should protect and promote the school's good reputation.
- **Show your support with pride:** When supporting sporting events, you must wear the prescribed school uniform. Support our teams positively, demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect players, coaches, officials and opponents.
- **Adapt to the school routine:** Familiarise yourself with the daily school programme and follow the prescribed rules and procedures. Be punctual, organised and prepared, and listen to instructions from staff and EC members.
- **Dress neatly and correctly:** The school's neatness and uniform rules apply not only on the school grounds but also whenever you represent the school in public. Your appearance must always be neat and comply with the school's requirements.
- **Know your place:** Remember that, as a Grade 8 learner, you are at the beginning of your high school journey. Be humble, be willing to learn and respect the school's hierarchy. Avoid unnecessary noise and disruptive behaviour, and exercise self-control in all situations.
- **Attend gatherings:** Attend all home gatherings and participate in the Interhigh singing team when required. Attendance and participation are compulsory and form part of your involvement in the school's traditions and spirit.

OUR VALUES

RESPECT - LOYALTY - INTEGRITY - COMPASSION - RESPONSIBILITY

VALUE SYSTEM:

- Christian and professional education
- Promotion of academic achievement and the creation of a culture of learning
- Maintenance of discipline
- Effective management and leadership
- Promotion of traditions and culture
- Fostering of loyalty and respect towards the school and others
- Equal and dignified treatment
- Stimulation and promotion of creativity
- Cultivation of a healthy competitive spirit
- Development of the whole learner to his/her maximum potential

OUR VISION:

Hoërskool Ben Viljoen is a parallel-medium educational institution that upholds Christian values and high standards. Education is provided in both Afrikaans and English.

Dallers live out the school's values in everything they do. They strive to develop their talents so that they can take their rightful place in society and make a difference in the world.

OUR MISSION:

The mission of Hoërskool Ben Viljoen is to develop every child to their fullest potential as a well-balanced, responsible individual by providing Christian education and guidance within a specific value system, nurturing the child in their entirety.

With my Daller Heart in my chest and Daller Pride in my veins, I live out the values and ideals of Hoërskool Ben Viljoen every day.

I am part of a school with a rich history, strong traditions and a clear vision for the future. Here, we stand for Christian values, respect and loyalty, proud of our languages and cultures, in the pursuit of excellence. We build on the foundations laid by generations of Dallers before us, while looking towards the future with confidence and determination.

Being a Daller means far more than simply wearing a green and gold school uniform. It means that, from your very first day in Grade 8, you become part of a family that stands together, supports one another and encourages each other to always give your best.

Being a Daller is not something you live out only during school hours; it is a way of life that shapes your actions, your choices and your attitude. The longer you are part of this special school community, the deeper your sense of belonging grows and the stronger your Daller Heart becomes.

With my Daller Heart in my chest, I move forward with pride and purpose. I know that my actions represent not only my own name, but also the name of every Daller who came before me and every Daller who will follow. I choose to take responsibility, face challenges with courage and seize opportunities with both hands.

I contribute to a culture where respect, teamwork, perseverance and excellence are the standard.

I am a Daller. I know my roots, I live my values, and I help build my school's future. Because at Hoërskool Ben Viljoen, we are more than just a school – we are a **FAMILY!**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

GENERAL SCHOOL OPERATION

- School begins promptly at **06:55**
- School ends at **13:30** on Mondays to Thursdays, and at **13:00** on Fridays
- Every morning, learners assemble on the quad in their register class rows
- Assembly takes place on Mondays
- Learners have 3 minutes to move between periods
- During break, learners are not permitted in the corridors, on the sports grounds, or the hostel premises

PHOTOS AND INFORMATION REGARDING LEARNERS' ACHIEVEMENTS

We would like to recognize our learners who excel - both within the school environment and, in particular, outside of it.

We kindly ask parents to send full details and high-quality photos directly to **bvbemarking@benviljoen.co.za**, so that we may share them on our social media platforms.

DIVISION OF COLOR TEAMS

Colour teams are organized according to grade groups.
For 2027, the Grade 8 group is to wear **RED** during the various interhouse events.

BASIC STATIONARY

We recommend that you wait until the term has commenced before purchasing these additional items. All learners will receive a stationary list at the beginning of Term 1. Exercise books are supplied by the school. Additional exercise books may be required and must be purchased by you, as requested by the subject teacher.

- Mathematics instrument set
- Casio FX-82ZA Plus scientific calculator
- A4 flip files (10-, 20- or 30-page), as required (approximately 4–8)
- Thin plastic two-hole filing folders, as required
- Highlighters

CONCESSIONS

The concession fee is **R500 per year**. A special application must be submitted to the school office for learners who require a concession. These concessions cover VSOFT only; the provision of a scribe is not included. It is the parents' own responsibility to secure a trained scribe and to pay them per session. The scribe may not be an immediate family member - all NSC examination rules apply.

No learner will be accepted without proof of payment by the start of the Term 1 test series.

WHO IS MY REGISTER CLASS TEACHER?

GRADE GUARDIAN



MS ELMA DE BEER
ROOM 13

REGISTER CLASS TEACHERS



GRADE 8A
MS SUNÉ VAN AARDT
ROOM 21



GRADE 8B
MS HANNELIE ERASMUS
ROOM 13



GRADE 8C
MS DELANIE KRUGER
ROOM 19



GRADE 8D
MR THINUS MARAIS
ROOM 38



GRADE 8E
MS DOMINIQUE SMITH
ROOM 33

WHAT DO WE OFFER YOU?

ON OUR TERRAIN:

- Ben's Cafeteria
- Loskop Gymnasium
- Centre for Counselling and Remediation
- Tennis Club
- Swimming Club

BUS ROUTES:

We currently have two bus routes that depart after school on Friday afternoons to drop off learners, and then pick them up again on Sunday afternoons. Additional costs apply.

These routes are:
Bus 1:
Groblersdal - Marble Hall - Roedtan - Potgietersrus - Naboomspruit

Bus 2:
Groblersdal - Stoffberg

HOSTELS:

The hostels at Hoërskool Ben Viljoen are known for their homely atmosphere and the individual attention given to each learner.

Both the boys' and girls' hostels can accommodate a total of 75 learners each and provide three (3) meals per day. We accommodate one learner per room, with the exception of Grade 8 learners, who may sometimes share a room with another Grade 8 learner.

The hostels are open from 06:15 on Mondays until 13:00 on Fridays.

DAY HOSTEL:

The hostel also operates as a day hostel from Monday to Thursday.

Day learners who make use of this option are provided with lunch and a venue where they can complete their homework under supervision.

The fee for this option is R1 000 per month, regardless of whether the learner makes use of the service every day of the week or not.

The fee is payable monthly in advance, by the 1st of each month. Proof of payment must be provided, after which the learner will receive a day hostel admission ticket.

No overnight accommodation is available for day learners.

Application forms for the day hostel are available from the school office.

ACADEMICS AND SUBJECT INFORMATION

At Hoërskool Ben Viljoen, we strive for academic excellence!

Since 2004, our Dallers have achieved an impressive average pass rate of 99.8%. Approximately two-thirds of our matric learners choose Mathematics as a subject, while our Mathematics and Science departments rank among the best in Limpopo.

We offer dedicated support to Grade 8 and 9 learners who struggle with Mathematics, as well as technical subjects such as Mechanical Technology and Electrical Technology.

In addition, we are one of the few public high schools in Limpopo that offer Dramatic Arts and Visual Arts as subjects.

At Hoërskool Ben Viljoen, we develop every learner's potential and build towards a future filled with opportunities.

GRADE 8 & 9

- English Home Language
- Afrikaans First Additional Language
- Mathematics
- Natural Science
- Economic Management Science
- Social Science
- Technology
- Life Orientation
- Arts and Culture

GRADE 10 - 12

Compulsory:

- English Home Language
- Afrikaans First Additional Language
- Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy/ Technical Mathematics
- Life Orientation

Subject Choices:

- Life Science
- Technical Science
- Physical Science
- Accounting
- Business Studies
- Computer Application Technology
- Information Technology
- Tourism
- Consumer Studies
- Engineering Graphics and Design
- Visual Art
- Dramatic Art
- Mechanical Technology
- Agricultural Science
- Electrical Technology
- Geography

ACADEMICS AND SUBJECT INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MATHEMATICS, TECHNICAL MATHEMATICS AND MATHEMATICAL LITERACY?

Mathematics is a required subject for many tertiary fields of study. Parents and learners must realize that not everyone is mathematically inclined, and that there are many career possibilities for learners who take Technical Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy as a subject.

Furthermore, it is also a fact that learners who struggle with Mathematics and just barely meet the admission requirements, also struggle with mathematical subjects later on at tertiary level.

A pass mark in Mathematics Literacy or Technical Mathematics is better for a learner than a fail mark in Mathematics when selection is done at universities.

Learners who take Mathematics Literacy or Technical Mathematics are just
as successful in their later careers as their colleagues who took Mathematics as a subject.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics is an analytical science that is used to solve or address risks or problems with formulated formulas.

Syllabus content:
Grade 8 and Grade 9:
Basic rules are learned.
Grade 10:
All sections are new for the learners, including trigonometry, functions (graphs), analytical geometry, Euclidean geometry, probability. Application of knowledge is then very important.
Grade 11:
All the above sections are continued. It is more difficult and is completed in Grade 12.
Grade 12:
New and more difficult sections are done, among others: sequences and series and calculus etc.

MATHEMATICAL LITERACY

Mathematical Literacy allows learners to address or solve everyday problems or challenges in a practical and applied approach. Learners are equipped with knowledge and experience - regardless of whether the problem has to do with life or are work-related - to be able to deal with it. The ability to identify problems, interpret correctly and understand views in a meaningful way is learned in order to be able to achieve successful interpretation.

Syllabus content:

- Tests, exams and assignments are used to test skills to develop life experience.
- Practical assignments and tasks about work and life situations such as taxes, electricity bills, financial documents, perimeter and area needed to bring improvements to houses, conversion of measurement units etc.

TECHNICAL MATHEMATICS

Technical Mathematics is about the mathematical concepts used in the technical world. It works closely with national college requirements and works to be equivalent to N1, N2 and N3 mathematics at colleges.

Syllabus content
Technical mathematics contains most components and assessment like mathematics, but does not deal with statistics and data handling.
These concepts are replaced with radial and angular movements.

Tests/Exams consists of two papers:
Paper 1: Algebra, graphs and finance
Paper 2: Analytical geometry, trigonometry, Euclidean geometry, radial and angular motions.

ACADEMICS AND SUBJECT INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PHYSICAL SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL SCIENCE?

Physical Science consists of two main sections viz. chemistry and physics. Both sections are studied from grades 10-12.
Chemistry: is the science of matter and its interaction with energy.
Physics: is also called "fundamental science" since each of the other natural sciences deals with certain types of material systems that obey the laws of physics.
Physical Sciences as a subject benefits learners on several levels. It helps with the APS admission score, it makes you look good to university recruiters as well as to your future employers.

The main aim of **Technical Sciences** is to support learners in the three focus areas of technology, namely: mechanical technology, electrical technology and civil technology. Technical sciences prepare learners for future learning, specialized learning, professional life, citizenship, holistic development and socio-economic development. Learners who choose technical sciences as a subject in grades 10-12 can have improved access to applied technology courses at FET/FET colleges, vocational career paths and entrepreneurial opportunities. Technical sciences also promote skill development in the technology field and will consequently contribute to the country's economic growth and the social well-being of more people in our country.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

Syllabus content:
The subject contains the following topics:

- Mechanics
- Waves, sound and light
- Electricity and Magnetism
- Matter and materials
- Chemical change
- Chemical systems

TECHNICAL SCIENCE

Syllabus content:

- Mechanics
- Matter and materials
- Electricity and magnetism
- Waves, sound and light
- Heat and thermodynamics
- Chemical changes

SCHOOL ATTIRE

SUMMER UNIFORM

from the first Monday in September to the last Friday in April

GIRLS



- Green skirt (six lanes). Length 14cm from the floor in kneeling position
- White short-sleeved school shirt (with pocket badge)
- White school socks
- Black lace-up shoes that can be polished without buckles and excessively thick soles
- Black leather shoes with a strap may also be worn.
- Learners may wear grey 'Regular fit' pants or a green school skirt with the school blazer.

BOYS



- Grey shorts
- Grey short-sleeved school shirt (with pocket badge) (Gr.8-11)
- Grey knee socks (with stripes)
- Lace-up Black shoes, without decoration, that can be polished
- No suede shoes are allowed

EXTREME CLOTHING
TEL: 079 952 3513

School uniform is available at Extreme Clothing
(1B Mark Straat, Groblersdal)

SCHOOL ATTIRE

WINTER UNIFORM

from the first Monday in May to the last Friday in August

GIRLS



- **Blazers are compulsory for Grade 8 learners**
- A white school shirt, school tie with a green school skirt (six lane), long black stockings or green knee socks with two stripes or learners may also wear a white school shirt, school tie with grey "Prefect" long trousers "regular fit" (available from Extreme Clothing).
- Grey socks MUST be worn with trousers
- School blazer compulsory with a school jersey and/or school pullover (Learners may not wear only a school jersey and/or pullover)
- School shoes as prescribed for the summer uniform
- Long trousers may not be worn with only a school shirt
- Green scarf
- No trousers that are fitted ("skinny fit")
- No beanies

BOYS



- **Blazers are compulsory for Grade 8 learners.**
- Grey trousers (regular fit) with a grey shirt and a school tie for Gr.8-11.
- School blazer compulsory with a school jersey and/or school pullover (Learners may not wear just a school jersey and/or pullover)
- Grey knee socks and school shoes, as mentioned
- A school blazer must be worn with trousers and a tie
- No trousers that are fitted (skinny fit), only "Prefect Regular Fit" trousers
- No beanies

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MEET OUR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



MARNU HANCKE
HEAD BOY



ANIKA PRUIS
HEAD GIRL

ADDRESSING THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

All Grade 8 learners must address the Executive Council as "**Jeneka Irma Vinante Brata**" + *the EC member's surname* (for girls) and "**Generaal Unus Corpus Victor**" + *the EC member's surname* (for boys), and must not simply refer to the members of the EC by their names.



CHRISTOFF VAN DER WALT
DEPUTY HEAD BOY



VICTOR SHADUNG
DEPUTY HEAD BOY



JAYDÉNE CLOETE
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL



KAMO MALEBANA
DEPUTY HEAD GIRL



PETER JACQUIRE
ACADEMICS



ELÉNE BOTES
ACADEMICS



KJ BRIEL
CULTURE



BLESSING RATAU
CULTURE

MEET OUR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



JUAN NIEMANN
SPORT



EDUNETTE KRIEL
SPORT



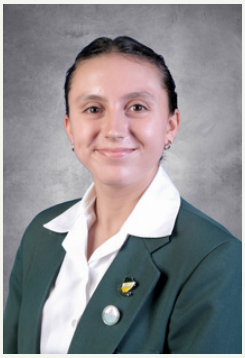
COSTA PAISSOPOULOS



DANIËLLE WESSELS



HENDRI BOUWER



KATINKA WESSELS



LEHANI BENADE



LIVEY VAN BLERK



BETTY MAGAELA



THATO MPHAHLELE



MARLI MULLER



MIANDI MARITZ

MEET OUR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



MONYA VAN NIEKERK



MOTLOTSWA THUTSE



NICKE BOTHA



SEBASTIAN VAN DER MERWE



SUNÉ LESSING



TENITA DA SILVA



LETTERS FROM THE EC

Dear Owlets

A very warm welcome to high school! I hope you are ready for one of the most exciting adventures of your life. I know everything may still feel a little strange and overwhelming right now, but trust me, you will settle in much faster than you think!

My name is Anika, and I am your Head Girl. You can come to me at any time if you need anything, want some advice or simply need someone to talk to. Never be afraid to ask for help if you are struggling with something. We are all here to help one another!

My biggest piece of advice is to try everything! Do not miss out because you are too afraid to try something new. Get involved, make new friends, say yes to opportunities and enjoy every moment. You never know what you might end up loving if you do not give it a try!

Enjoy your Grade 8 year, because it really is one of the best years of high school! Everything is new, you meet so many new people, and you will make memories that you will talk about for years to come.

Do not spend all your time wishing you were older or in a different grade, because before you know it, you will already be moving on to the next chapter.

And remember, you don't have to be perfect or figure everything out right away. Be yourself, be kind to others, and don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone from time to time. The best memories often come from the very things you were most afraid of at first! I hope you enjoy every moment of your high school journey and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way.

You have so much to look forward to, and I hope you absolutely love being an Owlet!
Lots of love,
Anika

A New Beginning, New Friends, New Dreams

Welcome Owlets of 2027!

Today, you walk into the school as the youngest learners, but do not let that intimidate you. Every Daller started out as an Owlet!

We are excited to begin this year with you and cannot wait to see where it takes you.

I know it can be a bit nerve-wracking starting at a new school: new faces, new teachers and hallways you don't know yet. But putting all of that aside, I promise you that high school can be the best time of your life. We are here to support you and help you grow into the best version of yourself.

As Head Boy, it is my job to look out for you and make sure every Owlet feels welcome and safe. I was once in your shoes too, and I know how overwhelming it can feel. If you get lost, do not understand something or simply need someone to talk to, please feel free to come and find me.

<u>If I can give you a few tips, they would be the following:</u>

- Take part in everything you possibly can and get involved.
- Remember: your attitude determines your altitude.
- Always stay positive!

(But the most important tip is: "My dog ate my homework" only works once. After that, all your teachers will know your dog by name!)

Remember, Hoërskool Ben Viljoen is not just a place for classes and tests. It is where you grow, make friends and create memories that you will cherish for the rest of your life.

We cannot wait to see everything you will achieve over the next five years.

Be proud to be a Ben Viljoen learner, wear your badge with pride and enjoy this new chapter of your life. Make every moment count.
Kind regards,
Marnu Hancke

LETTERS FROM THE EC

A very warm welcome to Hoërskool Ben Viljoen!

You are standing at the beginning of an exciting new chapter in your lives. I know you may be feeling very excited, but the nerves might also be kicking in a little. You are leaving the familiar world of primary school behind and embarking on a brand-new adventure filled with new teachers, new friends, new challenges and countless opportunities. Do not worry – every great adventure begins with that very first step!

My name is Suné Lessing, and I am very excited and privileged to be your mentor. I believe that teamwork, perseverance and a positive attitude can take you far. Remember, a good team does not only stand together when things are going well, but also supports one another when times get tough.

<u>What can you expect from me as your mentor?</u>

- **Someone who will encourage, support and motivate you to always give your best.**
- **Someone you can turn to with your questions and concerns – no question is too small or unimportant!**
- **Help and guidance as you find your feet and adjust to high school life.**
- **Encouragement to make new friends, try new things and sometimes step a little outside your comfort zone.**
- **A year filled with new experiences, challenges, plenty of laughter and precious memories!**

Your Grade 8 year is sure to be an adventure! Get ready for hard work, new responsibilities, great school spirit and, of course, LOADS OF FUN! There will be days when you will have to work extra hard and persevere, but there will also be plenty of fun, exciting activities, teamwork and opportunities to discover and develop your talents.

At Hoërskool Ben Viljoen, we learn that success is not only about what you achieve, but also about how you treat others and how much effort you are willing to put in. We work hard, support one another and wear our Daller spirit with pride. I want you to seize every opportunity, face new challenges with courage and make the most of every moment of your high school journey.

I will encourage you to respect one another, take responsibility for your choices, remain positive and always try your best. Do not be afraid to make mistakes – they are part of learning and growing.

Welcome to Ben Viljoen – your next great adventure begins here!

Dear Owlets

A very warm welcome to our school and the Daller family! We're so excited to have you here.

Starting at a new school can sometimes feel a little strange or overwhelming, but don't worry – you don't have to figure everything out on your own.

My name is Marli, and I am one of the Grade 8 mentors.

My role is to help you settle in and support you wherever I can. If you have a question, need help, feel unsure or simply need someone to talk to, you can always come to me. We are here to be your go-to people!

You can look forward to making new friends and creating unforgettable memories. There may be a few challenges along the way, but there will also be plenty of opportunities to grow, learn and find your place in the school.

Be yourself, try new things and don't be afraid to ask for help.

We look forward to getting to know you better and sharing a wonderful year with you. We are so glad you are here!

Kind regards,
Marli Muller

LETTERS FROM THE EC

Dear Grade 8s of 2027

A very warm welcome to your new adventure!

My name is Jaydéne Cloete, and I am your Deputy Head Girl for 2027. I am also the Magrietjie at Huis Cherié Girls' Hostel, so you will see me in various places around the school.

I am one of your Grade 8 mentors and someone you can turn to for advice, when you are struggling with something, feel unsure about something or have simply had a bad day. I will always help you wherever I can.

Grade 8 will be a year filled with new experiences, challenges and wonderful memories. It will not always be easy, but remember that you do not have to face everything alone. Do not be afraid to ask questions, seek help or simply be yourself.

I am really looking forward to getting to know all of you and beginning this new chapter together.

May your Grade 8 year be filled with beautiful memories, new friendships and lots of fun!

Dear New Owlet

Welcome to Hoërskool Ben Viljoen! We are so excited to have you join our school family and begin this new chapter of your life. Starting Grade 8 can feel exciting, scary, and a little overwhelming, but don't worry — you are not alone!

My name is Betty Magaela, I am part of the EC members and I will be one of your Grade 8 guardians. My role is to guide, support, and help you throughout your high school journey.

My advice to you is to always be yourself, respect others, and never be afraid to ask questions. High school is about more than just academics; it is also about making friends, discovering your talents, trying new things, and growing as a person.

Hoërskool Ben Viljoen has so much to offer from the big highlights in the beginning of the year such as the Bosveld Interhigh for athletics and the spirit week before this event. It offers culture week as well, where people showcase their talents in many different ways from acting to dancing to singing and many more. There is so much to look forward to in high school and many ways for one to find themselves and let's not forget the sport activities which help you build bonds you never expected!!

Remember, you are never alone, and we're here to make your journey a little easier. Enjoy every moment and make your Grade 8 year unforgettable and filled with many memories!!

SPORT

Although Ben Viljoen is a medium-sized school, we offer a range of sports comparable to those found at large city schools. A higher percentage of our learners gain exposure at the first-team level. Coaching is done by our teachers, many of whom have earned provincial colours themselves and/or have served as provincial coaches.
Our facilities include three rugby fields, three hockey fields, an AstroTurf hockey field, eight all-weather netball courts, a cricket field with practice nets, a stadium with a capacity for 5,000 spectators, a swimming pool, a bisley range, six tennis courts, and Loskop Gymnasium, all located on our school grounds.

SPORTING TYPES

- Athletics
- Girls' Hockey
- Girls' Cricket
- Golf
- Cross-Country
- Netball
- Bisley
- Equestrian
- Rugby (15-a-side)
- Boys' Hockey
- Boys' Cricket
- Sevens Rugby
- Chess
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Freshwater Bank Angling

ATHLETICS:

During 2026, our athletes delivered outstanding performances and proudly upheld the school's reputation on various athletics tracks. At the Noordheuwel Top 15 meeting, we achieved an impressive overall 14th place out of 80 schools.

Marnu Hancke was one of the major stars of the season. He was named the Best Boys' Field Athlete at the Sonop Interhigh, as well as the Senior Victor Ludorum. At the Bosveld Interhigh, he received further recognition as Field Athlete- and Athlete of the Day, while the school secured an overall third-place finish.

On national level, Omphile Tshikane competed in the SASA South African Athletics Championships, while Jaco van der Westhuyzen, Marnu Hancke, and Omphile Tshikane represented Hoërskool Ben Viljoen at the ASA South African Championships. There, Marnu won a gold medal in the u/18 discus event. Jaco and Marnu were also selected for the Limpopo team for the ASA Senior South African Championships.

As the crowning achievement of an exceptionally successful season, Marnu was selected for the South African u/18 athletics team to compete in the AUSC Region 5 Games, taking place in Mozambique.

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GIRLS' HOCKEY:

Our hockey girls enjoyed an excellent season in 2026! Our u/15 and First Team hockey teams were crowned winners of the NWU-16 School Sports Series, and our teams also secured the overall first position in the series.

At the provincial level, our teams likewise proved their mettle. The u/14 team finished third in Limpopo and secured tenth place at the Noordvaal Big Schools-B Championships. The Second Team finished fourth in Limpopo, while the First Team placed third in Limpopo and sixth at the Noordvaal Big Schools-B Championships.

This year, seventeen of our hockey girls have been selected for the various Limpopo provincial teams.

GIRLS' CRICKET:

Girls' cricket was reintroduced as a sport at Hoërskool Ben Viljoen in 2021 and takes place annually during the third term.

An exciting cricket culture - rooted in strong values, discipline, and cricket etiquette - is upheld.

We currently have one girls' cricket team, comprising both junior and senior players who share an exemplary sporting spirit.

We strive to ensure that every player fully enjoys the sport and that each player's skills are developed to their full potential.

GOLF:

Our golfers achieved several notable successes during 2026.

Our A-team finished in fifth place at the Bushveld Interhigh, where only nine holes could be played due to weather conditions. The team also secured an excellent third-place finish in the NWU-16 School Sports Series.

Joe Ras delivered an exceptional performance by winning the Bushveld Classic competition at Marble Hall Golf Estate for the second consecutive year.

At the Limpopo finals, both our B- and C-teams finished in fourth place.

CROSS COUNTRY:

In 2026, our cross-country athletes - Omphile Tshikane, Shiniska du Plessis, and Zerelda Taljaardt - had the opportunity to participate in the South African Cross-Country Championships. Their participation at a national level is an exceptional achievement and a testament to their hard work and perseverance.

Omphile Tshikane achieved further success by being selected for the LIMA team, which secured second place at the South African 10 km Road Race Championships.

SPORT

NETBALL:

Our netball teams achieved several excellent results during 2026.

In the NWU-16 School Sports Series, our netball teams finished overall fourth, with both the u/14 and u/15 teams securing third place.

At the Basonani Tournament, hosted by HTS Middelburg, our u/14 team was crowned champions, while the u/15 team finished as runners-up. Our u/16 team also achieved a commendable third-place finish.

Charlize Kruger received further recognition by being selected as a non-travelling reserve for the Mpumalanga u/16 team.

During the Nkangala regional play-offs, our u/14 team finished third and the u/15 team fourth. At the Mpumalanga Championships, the u/14 team secured eighth place overall, while the u/15 team finished ninth.

EQUESTRIAN:

Our equestrian learners achieved exceptional results during 2026. Elrie Enslin and Denise van der Walt participated in the South African Western Mounted Games Championships, where Elrie secured an outstanding overall third place in her division.

Another highlight is that Leeyah Rahim Bhikoo was selected for the SANESA Limpopo team - a remarkable recognition of her talent and hard work.

BISLEY:

Following the Top 80 SANSSU trials, Ané Pretorius was selected for the SANSSU BJI team, which is set to tour to Bisley in England. With this achievement, she has also earned her Protea colours - a significant milestone in her marksmanship career.

Five of our marksmen, Tiago Fernandes, Lizemari Erasmus, Ané Pretorius, Chrismari Erasmus, and Caylin Sadie, participated in the Mpumalanga final. Subsequently, Tiago, Caylin, and Ané were selected for the Mpumalanga team to compete in the South African Championships.

During the South African Championships, Ané delivered further outstanding performances as a member of the u/21 Mpumalanga Sporter Class team. The team secured silver medals in both the 'Winning Province' category and the 'Overall Winning Province' category.

RUGBY 15-MAN:

The 15-a-side rugby teams experienced an incredible season in 2026. In the NWU-16 School Sports Series, our rugby teams finished overall third out of the 16 participating schools.

Both our u/14A and u/14B teams secured the Limpopo championship titles, while our u/16 team finished as the Limpopo runners-up. Our u/14A team further capped off their season by winning the Virseker Noordvaal Cup (Division 2).

Ten of our rugby players were selected for various provincial rugby weeks.

As further recognition of their talent, three players were also invited to the Elite Player Development Camp.

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BOYS HOCKEY:

Our First Team has been crowned Limpopo champions for the second consecutive year, while our u/16 team finished as the Limpopo runners-up.

Our players also received individual recognition for their abilities. Leisure Matsepe was selected for the u/14 IPT team, with Xiahn Swart named as a non-travelling reserve. Jurihan Swart was included in the u/16B regional team, while Rapudi Mpetle represented the u/18B team.

SEVENS RUGBY:

During 2026, our sevens rugby teams demonstrated that they can excel on the rugby field through talent, perseverance, and teamwork.

At the Forge Sevens Tournament held at Hoërskool Ellisras, our u/17 team secured an excellent third-place finish, while the u/15 team finished seventh. At the Buco Makhonjwa Tournament, hosted by Hoërskool Barberton, our u/17A team was crowned Cup winners, and our u/17B team emerged as Shield winners. The u/15 team finished as runners-up in the Plate division.

At the Ysterberg Sevens Tournament held at Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer, both our u/15 and u/17 teams achieved an overall second-place finish, highlighting their consistent performance throughout the season.

Another highlight is the inclusion of Liliana Janse van Rensburg in the University of Pretoria's u/16 girls' sevens rugby team.

BOYS' CRICKET:

Our boys' cricket has achieved outstanding results over the past two seasons. In 2025, our first team was crowned Limpopo champions, while our u/15 team built on this success in 2026 by finishing as Limpopo runners-up.

Further recognition for our cricket talent goes to Lohan Barnard, who has been selected for four different cricket teams: the u/15 Eagles for the MPL series, the u/15 Cavalier Cats for the LPL series, the u/15 Vikings for the Pretoria Elite League, and the u/15 Bloem Hornets for the Free State Premier League (FPL).

CHESS:

During 2025 and 2026, our chess players put their strategic thinking and chess skills to the test, achieving several notable successes.

In 2025, our chess team finished overall eighth in the NWU School Sports Series, with Thato Mathabatha and Thato Mphahlele crowned as board winners. At the Bushveld Interhigh, the team finished sixth overall; Tshepang Matsepe and Thato Mphahlele were crowned board winners, while Thato Mathabatha secured third place on his board.

In 2026, our team once again finished overall eighth in the NWU School Sports Series, with Jadin Klopper named as a board winner.

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SWIMMING:

Our swimmers achieved outstanding results during 2025 and 2026, proudly representing the school at both provincial and national levels.

In 2025, Mari-Zanne Nortjé, Simoné Theron, Odette Upton, and Mighael Alberts were included in the Limpopo swimming team, with Mighael also being appointed as team captain. Furthermore, he won one gold and two silver medals at the South African Swimming Championships. Mighael Alberts, Simoné Theron, and Altus Venter were also selected to represent Limpopo at an inter-provincial swimming gala. Our swimming teams finished second at both the Interhigh and the Top Schools swimming galas.

During 2026, Odette Upton, Altus Venter, and Mari-Zanne Nortjé participated in the Limpopo Schools Swimming Championships, where Odette was named Senior Victrix Ludorum.

FRESHWATER BANK ANGLING:

In 2026, our Freshwater Bank anglers demonstrated their mettle as our angling programme expanded to include two boys' teams and one girls' team. This growth reflects the learners' passion for the sport and their enthusiasm for further developing their skills.

Jenna Berry achieved an exceptional feat by being crowned Victrix Ludorum at the first league event.
At the "Champ of Champs" championships, the Ben Vissers boys' angling team finished in thirteenth place, while the Dallers girls' angling team secured seventh place.

Our anglers also received provincial recognition: Marthinus Dreyer was selected for the Limpopo u/19B team to compete in the South African Championships, with Liam Hancke named as a reserve for the same team.

TENNIS:

Over the past decade, our tennis players have demonstrated that talent, perseverance, and teamwork form the foundation of success. Our players have secured various provincial titles and proudly represented the school on the tennis court.

In 2016, our senior girls' team was crowned Limpopo champions. This success continued in 2017, when both our senior girls' and boys' teams became Limpopo champions. In 2018 and 2019, our senior boys' team achieved second place at the Limpopo championships.

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, our girls' team made a strong comeback, finishing as runners-up in the Limpopo championships in 2022 and 2023. In 2024, the team reached the pinnacle once again, becoming Limpopo champions!

In 2025, our girls' team was crowned Waterberg champions, while the boys' team finished as Waterberg runners-up. The girls also secured second place at the Limpopo championships. In 2026, they retained their Waterberg title and finished fourth in Limpopo.

CULTURE

We offer a wide variety of cultural activities for those who wish to showcase their creative side. Our goal is to strike a perfect balance between sport and culture, thereby giving learners the opportunity to pursue their passions to the best of their ability.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- ATKV Youth Branch
- Ben se Pen
- Digitheatre
- Photography
- Grade 8 Concert
- Culture Week
- Mr & Ms Ben Viljoen
- Public Speaking (Afrikaans & English)
- Revue
- Teen Theatre

ATKV YOUTH BRANCH:

Culture is much more than just a passion, it is a calling to make a difference! Our ATKV Youth Branch believes in going beyond mere words; we strive to embody our values through meaningful actions.

The youth branch consists of a group of volunteers who share a love for culture and language, and who are eager to make a positive contribution to society. Through an annual program filled with projects and community initiatives, they put their values into practice and help make a difference in the lives of others.

Even amidst a busy school schedule, these learners make time to reach out, get involved, and uplift their community.

BEN SE PEN:

The school newspaper, known as "Ben se Pen", is produced by learners who, in their spare time, write articles and gather photographs and information to keep the rest of the school informed about events. The newspaper also features tips and useful information.

The primary objective of "Ben se Pen" is to develop the learners' potential and equip them for a future involving professional writing and deadlines, while also keeping them engaged in the cultural aspect of the school experience. These learners are also formally recognised during the annual prize-giving ceremony.

DIGITHEATRE:

Our 'Digitoneel' (digital drama) learners showcased their creativity and talent throughout the year, earning various awards at prestigious drama competitions.

At the ATKV's 'DigiToneel', KJ Briel secured a silver award for his acting and a bronze award for editing. Lehani Benade received a bronze award for her acting, while Kiara du Toit was awarded a bronze award for her directing.

KJ Briel also delivered an excellent performance at the Allegretto Drama Festival, where he earned bronze awards for directing, acting, and cinematography. Furthermore, he received a bronze award at 'Aardklop PronkDigitaal'.

CULTURE

PHOTOGRAPHY:

The Photography Club at Hoërskool Ben Viljoen was established in 2012, born from the vision of the school's media liaison, and has gone from strength to strength ever since. The club's membership grows annually, offering learners the opportunity to develop their creativity, acquire new skills, and pursue their passion for photography.

The work of our photographers plays a vital role in documenting the school's history. Photographs are frequently shared on the school's social media platforms and featured in newspaper reports. The club also participates in the school's Cultural Festival, which takes place every two years.

During the annual prize-giving ceremony in October or November, the Photographer of the Year award is announced. This award recognizes the learner who has been the most actively involved in the photography club.

In 2025, Tiago Fernandes achieved an overall third place in the photography competition hosted by the ATKV's Aksie en Woordvreugde branch, after which he was named as the overall winner in two categories during 2026.

CULTURE FESTIVAL:

Hoërskool Ben Viljoen's Cultural Festival is held every second year, offering a change of pace from the traditional annual revue. This festival provides a platform where learners can express their creativity, talent, and passion by participating in a wide variety of cultural items.

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

During 2025 and 2026, our public speakers demonstrated that thorough preparation, self-confidence, and the ability to convey a message with conviction can lead to outstanding achievements.
In 2025, Tebogo Mathunyane advanced to the ATKV Public Speaking Final in the Grade 8 and 9 Afrikaans Additional Language (prepared) category. Nomthandazo Mabuza reached the final in the Grade 10–12 Afrikaans Additional Language (unprepared) category, securing ninth place at the national level.
In 2026, our public speakers once again delivered excellent performances. Aneena Mathew achieved tenth place in the ATKV Public Speaking Final within the Grade 8 and 9 Afrikaans First Additional Language (prepared) category. At the Interhigh competition, Jaco van der Westhuyzen and Chenél Grundling each secured third place, while our junior speakers achieved an overall second-place ranking.

TEEN THEATRE:

During 2025, our teen theatre group showcased their talent and passion for the stage, walking away with several awards.

At the Interhigh competition, our teen theatre group was named runners-up, while Chenél Grundling won the title of Best Actress.

Our learners also excelled behind the scenes. At the ATKV Teen Theatre Gauteng Regional Festival 1, Maggie French was named Best Stage Manager of the Week. Meanwhile, Lily Steyn received the award for Best Make-up Artist/Designer of the Week during the semi-finals of the first week of the FAK Allegretto Drama Festival.

FINANCES

SCHOOL FEES

R 39 050 per year or R 3 550 per learner per month from January to November (11 months).

- School fees are payable monthly before the 7th.
- NO discount is granted for school fee payments for the year in advance.
- R950 OBLIGATORY once-off additional textbook fee, which includes subject funds, is payable before/on 15 January 2025. As soon as payment for this is received, a registration ticket will be issued
- NO TEXTBOOKS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A REGISTRATION TICKET.
- A starter package with scripts is provided by the school - only supplementary scripts (as needed) are provided by the parents themselves. Stationery is provided by parents themselves.
- Textbooks remain the property of the school and workbooks remain the property of the learner. Replacement value of lost textbooks amounts to R300 per textbook.

HOSTEL FEES

R40 535 per year or R 3 685 per learner per month from January to November (11 months).

Hostel fees are payable in advance. No learner will be admitted to the hostel if the full amount for January has not been paid.

Fridge: Own small fridge may be provided - R750 per year.

NB!

Please note that school fees and hostel fees have different reference numbers, please contact our finance office to enquire.

If you make only one total amount, please specify the amounts clearly.

BANKING DETAILS

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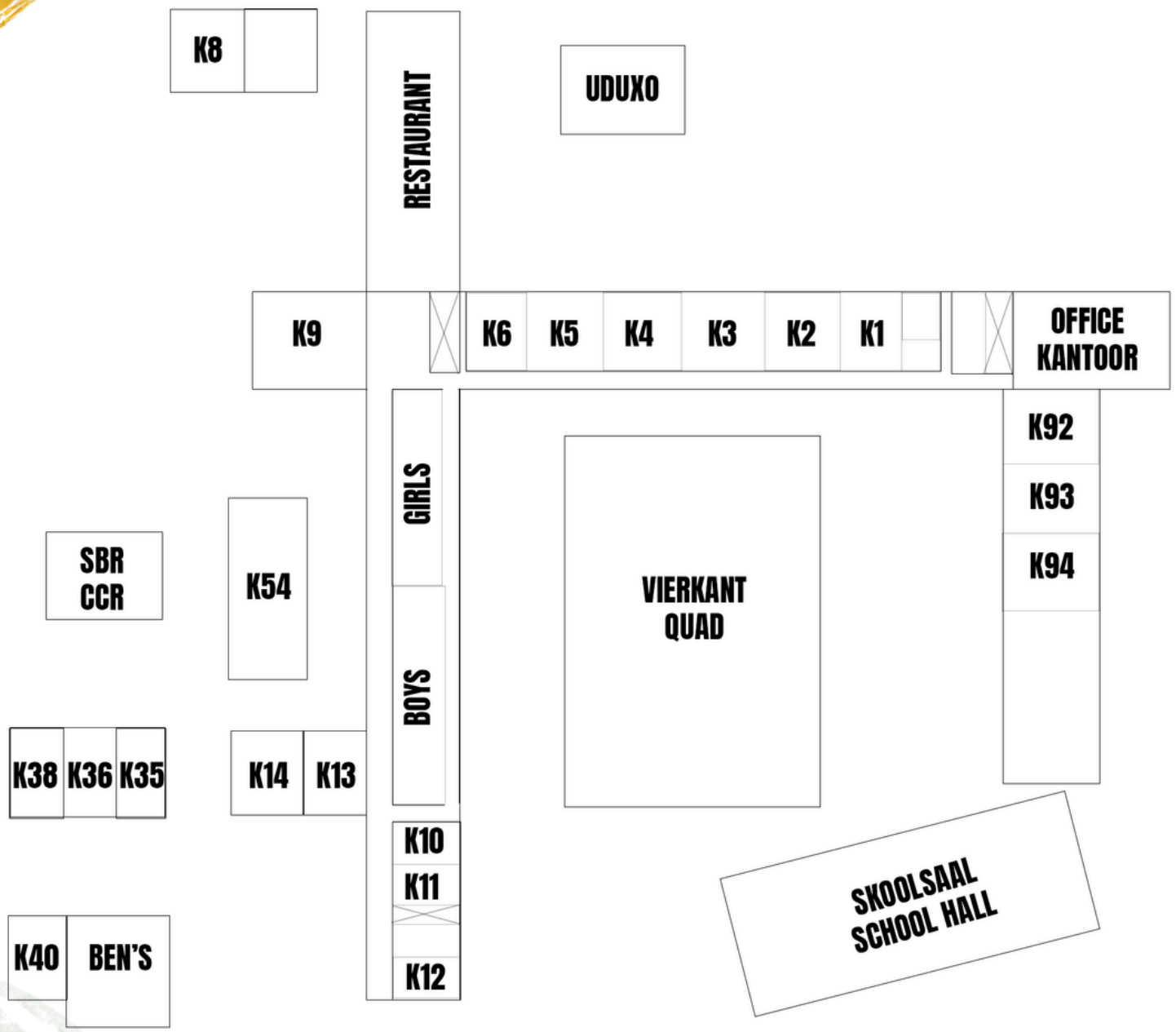
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CLASSROOM PLAN



Grondvloer / Ground Floor

CLASSROOM PLAN



Eerste Vloer/ First Floor

IMPORTANT DATES

11 JANUARY	HOSTEL MOVE-IN DAY
12 JANUARY	GRADE 8 WELCOMING
13 JANUARY	SCHOOL OPEN FOR LEARNERS
15 JANUARY	INTERHOUSE SWIMMING GALA
15 - 16 JANUARY	GRADE 8 CAMP
16 JANUARY	SUNRISE SERVICE @ RUGBY A FIELD
22 JANUARY	INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS MEET
15 FEBRUARY	GRADE 8 CONCERT DRESS REHEARSAL
16 FEBRUARY	GRADE 8 CONCERT
18 FEBRUARY	GRADE 8 CONCERT AND BELL-RINGING CEREMONY
27 FEBRUARY	BOSVELD INTERHIGH @ HS WARMBAD
2 MARCH	NWU SERIES VS HTS WITBANK (HOME)
6 MARCH	NWU SERIES VS PRETORIA NOORD (AWAY)
10 MARCH	INTERHIGH SWIMMING GALA
13 MARCH	NWU SERIES VS RIEBEECKRAND (HOME)
19 MARCH	SCHOOL ADJOURN

