

The Warbler

2022 EDITION



YCAP 2022
NATIONAL CHAMPS

ACADEMICS
HONOURS EVENING

CLASS OF 2022
MATRIC DANCE, VALIDATION

FAREWELL TO OUR
FIRST LADY



THE

WILLOW DESK

REFLECTION OF 2022

The year 2022 will be remembered in the history of Willowridge high school as the year of transition, empowerment and dynamism. The Principal of the school Mrs Gisela Pretorius resigned from her post barely 8 months into her tenure of office to pursue her career dreams overseas. This left a huge vacuum in the school management team. The remaining staff members hastily put together a crack team led by the Deputy Principal Mrs Chriselda Saayman in order to continue operations as well as to avert a disaster. This proved to be a viable solution as the new management hit the ground running and continued with the day to day management of the school.

All major projects and operations that had been initiated at the appointment of Mrs Pretorius were expeditiously and successfully executed. These included the repainting of the school's wide perimeter palisade fence as well as the major repairs of the school's irrigation system which had been dysfunctional over a long time due to ageing. Extensive infrastructural repairs and maintenance were undertaken for the first time since the establishment of the school in 1987. More staff members were afforded the opportunity to actively play a role in the day to day school management activities for the first time

thereby according them a practical feel of school leadership in different capacities. The primary focus was to make Willowridge high school the best English medium high school in Pretoria through academic excellence as well as making inroads in marketing the school through different social media platforms. Group cohesion was fostered through social functions in the school with the pinnacle being the Wolfpack party which was hosted during the evening and was a huge success. The school management team feels that more can be gained through such functions in the future. Despite the dampened spirits triggered by Mrs Pretorius departure, the

Willows wolfpack reconvened, put heads together and rebranded themselves to emerge as the true victors of the year 2022. This can aptly be summed up through King Solomon's words (Proverbs 27:17). King Solomon asserts that **"As Iron sharpens Iron so one person sharpens another"**. As the school leadership at Willowridge high school were caught in a crisis, they had to rally and work as a collective, sharpening each other's minds in the process. They had to help each other to grow and be in tune to the crisis that was going on around them. And yes, they even helped each other to professionally grow and move in the right direction, to stay on track, to walk away from dejection and

towards success. As Henry Ford puts it "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself". The Willowridge high school wolfpack once again looks set for 2023 with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. Wish you all the best of luck!

Dzvimbo O.K (Deputy Principal)

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Valentines Day



Every year on February 14, Valentine's Day is commemorated as a day of love and adoration. It's a day to show your love and appreciation to all the people that matter to you, such as your significant other, friends, family, and other close relatives. The Willowridge family celebrates this day with gifts, flowers, and chocolates. You have the opportunity to express our gratitude and love for the persons in our lives. #woflpacklove

Orientation 2022



The new Grade 8 students at Willowridge High School had a great ORIENTATION day to kick off the school year. This program aims to foster positive interaction among the Grade 8 group as well as build a relationship of trust and cooperation between the Grade 8s and the ECL of the school. The students appeared to be having a great time while making many happy memories of this important time in their academic careers.



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Willowridge High School on this Open Day, ladies, gentlemen, children, boys, and girls. Today has been set aside specifically so that you may all observe firsthand what our school is all about. You all have the opportunity to experience Willowridge, the neighborhood, the family, and most importantly the learning and teaching institution, which is now recognized as a setting with high expectations, high standards, and great accomplishments.

Each student in the Willowridge Wolf Pack is overseen by a tutor, who receives direction from the Principal. Tutors and the principal meet frequently or as needed to discuss, report, and give advice. A tutor is assigned to each grade, and they are responsible for overseeing the students' pastoral needs as well as their academic growth.



Willowridge High
Open Day



WILLOWRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

STRIVE WITH INTEGRITY



Champions

Generation EARTH



Generation Earth started the year off on a high note starting to work on a vegetable garden for the school. Each and every learner, even those who were not a part of the club, helped out. Due to unforeseen circumstances we could not continue, but there will be a new vegetable garden on a different piece of land in 2023.

The members did regular cleanups and provided plastic for the local wastepicker. Upcycling plastic and old books was a part of the programme for the year and beautiful items were created.

Open day was a huge success. Every parent and potential future learner learnt something new about the environment and thoroughly enjoyed the activities presented.

The club members had a wonderful Saturday morning picnic after walking the scenic route to the top of the Faerie Glen Nature Reserve mountain.

We look forward to again look through green glasses in the year to come.

The Cultural Department aims to broaden the horizons of learners and provide them with as much information as possible regarding their hobbies and interests. With the hope that they would be able to continue participating and contributing to their chosen endeavors into adulthood. In September The Generation Earth learners were visited by Caroline Hannweg from the vulture conservation organisation Vulpro. The learners thoroughly enjoyed the talk and asked many relevant questions regarding environmental activism within the South African context. The learners listened with keen interest and they were able to walk away with new found knowledge that they could begin to implement at home with family and friends.



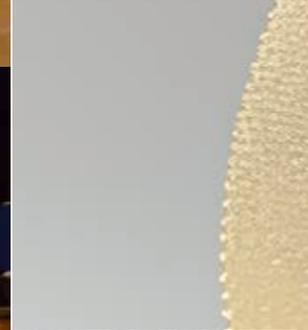
Willowridge



Willowridge High School boasts an impressive array of sports teams, ranging from athletics to soccer, basketball, netball, rugby, hockey, and cricket. The school's athletes consistently demonstrate a high level of skill and dedication, with many achieving great success in their respective sports. The soccer team has a reputation for playing with flair and tenacity, while the basketball team is known for its fast-paced, high-scoring games. The netball team's precise passing and quick footwork are always impressive, and the rugby team is renowned for its physicality and team spirit. Meanwhile, the hockey team's agility and stick skills are a joy to watch, and the cricket team consistently performs at a high level. Overall, Willowridge High School's sports teams are a credit to the school, representing it with pride and passion both on and off the field.

Academics HONOURS EVENING

As Willowridge High School, we promote a culture of academic excellence and assist students in developing the skills and knowledge they need to thrive in their future activities. This evening, we recognize and celebrate the academic achievement of our top students. The fact that our academic offerings cover grades 8 through 12 is fantastic because it demonstrates how highly the school regards academic accomplishment at all levels of schooling.



YOUR LEADERS



Head Girl - Luyanda Ndlovu



Head Boy - Reabetswe Mothle

I, Luyanda Nicole Ndlovu, am she. This institution has shaped me into the kind of dam lady who, despite the difficulties the world presents, is adaptable enough to succeed in any circumstance. And I saw that if you seize every chance with a ready heart and an open head, it will accomplish the same.

The chances are there for you. You already have a sturdy foundation on which to erect a house. Action and forward motion are required. Achievement is achieved through collaborating with your surroundings to realize your full potential.

Willowridge, you are the spark that ignites the fire that is our destiny. Many times I've been asked what I loved about Willowridge.

The warm-welcoming family atmosphere. The Willows Wolf Pack.

This place, the grounds on which I walked all these years- is not the business of the ordinary. But rather, the dwelling of those who are destined to be great. Our blue, not your ordinary blue. A royal blue. A colour synonymous with sapphires, not us. Sapphires are valuable, rare & precious.

But, there's something else sapphires are known for. Their flaws. I know, it's hard to admit. We have a lot of flaws. We feel, incomplete, "scratched up" in some cases, jagged around their edges.



Take a look at the pocket on the left side of your blazer. The rose that sits there on our hearts is not accidental. But it serves as a reminder that although we lead, we do so to serve & with the humble kindness that lives with us. To strive with integrity, wherever we go.

Willowridge, as iron sharpens iron, so have we sharpened each other and you have sharpened me.



2022 ECL



ECL camp helped us better ourselves in terms of our leadership skills. Starting off with the challenges the camp facilitators gave to us, the lessons the challenges brought through was more valuable than any victory. As each challenge went by the camp facilitators urged us not to participate to finish but to learn something about one another and also about yourself. To know how to address someone without raising your voice but to effectively get the message through. I'll just add on one challenge that changed the perspective. We were each as groups given a A3 paper, which on it we wrote about: what we see that is wrong that's happening in the school and what we do as ECL to address the issue. In the views of the collective the camp was effective in terms of the camp facilitators teachings.

Picking out the headboy and headgirl was through the leadership each individual showed at camp during all the activities, from who listened to who lead the team, not to victory but to feeling easy in making mistakes and learning from them. For us that was Reabetswe Mothle and Luyanda Ndlovu, their actions showed us that we can trust in them and respect them enough as our heads.



CELEBRATING OUR CLASS OF 2022

Grade 12A



First Row - Baloyi Fortunata Mbali, Buys Jayden, Diallo Rahma, Gontshi Masibulele, Gumede Bongani, Harck Kristen, Kwadi Lethabo, Leshaba Kopano, Mabelebele Kamohelo
 Second Row - Mafanele Lisa, Malatji Thato, Mbule Lefa, Memela Nokukhanya, Mogashoa Boitumelo, Mohlala Moamogedi, Moses Ayden, Netshivhambe Masana, Nkese Xoliswa
 Third Row - Nkosi Kagiso, Ntshinga Phawu, Poo Pheny, Rambau Bonolo, Rapudi Peace, Raseawelo Musa, Sholarin Mirriam, Smith Ashley, Thobela Tsakani

Grade 12B



First Row - Ayami Tania, Da Silva Ricardo, Majija Tandolwetu, Mashigo Reneilwe, Mashilo Neo, Mashilo Oratile, Masilo Kearabetswe, Matlou Boitumelo, Mbhalati Mikateko
 Second Row - Mkhize Sphamandla, Mniki Uhuru, Mogano Phuti, Mogodi Nteseng, Mokwena Darlington, Motha Khethiwe, Naidoo Jermaine, Ndambuki Marion, Ndlovu Luyanda
 Third Row - Nkhambule Mbali, Nkosi Bonolo, Nkosi Lwandile, Nobela Masego, Nzilane Nyeleti, Ramballi Ashiv, Rongo Lilitha, Sepato Khuma, Sibanyoni Thando, Xaba Aphile

Grade 12C



First Row - Atkinson Michael, Bekker Tyreece, Caldeira Lorenzo, Davids Shay-Leigh, Dichabe Monthle, Gaesale Okaile, Harck Camryn, Jacobs Lesmay, Jonathan Reotshepile
 Second Row - Maboya Sihle, Mabunda Asanda, Macega Sinenhlanhla, Mahlamvu Linamandla, Manganye Xiluva, Mashele Lesego, Mashige Ofentse, Mashishi Fabian, Mathole Marco
 Third Row - Matjokane Otshepeng, Mehreteab Siem, Melton Nathan, Mnguni Boitshepo, Mokoena Lesego, Nketshisa Bulela, Nyezwa Oni, Phala Boitumelo, Raseona Onalenna, Serapane Omphile

Grade 12D



First Row - Bogoshi Rorisang, Gwabeni Lunathi, Khumalo Aphiwe, Mabotha Mahlako, Mahwai Mpho, Maime Masego, Mamaila Keagile, Masanabo Thando, Masemola Tumelo
 Second Row - Mashabela Rorisang, Matlhabegoane Kgaugelo, Matshili Thato, Mbatha Koketso, Molapo Ofentse, Morulane Karabo, Mothle Reabetswe, Moyo Margaret, Ndlovu Antoinette
 Third Row - Nobela Tinyiko, Ntsoane Mpho, Phetla Hope, Rakoma Ofentse, Sekiba Madidimalo, Sibanyoni Nkosinathi, Zitha Kabelo

"The Power of Believing That You Can Improve" by Dr. Carol Dweck. The idea of a growth mindset, which is the conviction that one's skills and intelligence can be improved through effort, commitment, and perseverance, is covered by Dweck. Students that have a growth mentality, according to the author, are more likely to accept difficulties, persevere in the face of setbacks, and ultimately succeed.

Grade 12E



First Row - Baloyi Mbhuri, Belay Bitania, Isibor Favour, Kgosana Kamogelo, Mabena Ndazi, Mahura Tihalefo, Maphophe Lulama, Masango Kgalalelo, Mashigo Thabisa
 Second Row - Masongane Ompabaletse, Matukane Lwazi, Morake Motheo, Morare Tasslin, Mwabi Joshua, Nhlapo Nolo, Ntuli Ntando, Pillay Kelly, Ramaboea Thato
 Third Row - Roux Lyle, Sebona Tshepang, Siima Oratile, Tibane Bonolo, Zabane Kagiso, Ziramba Farirai

Grade 12F



First Row - Baloi Nyaki, Cain Sam, Dagume Nondumiso, Gwatsvaira Vimbai, Jebette Olebogeng, Magardie Gian, Mahape Boipelo, Makoti Lesedi, Malope Kamogelo
 Second Row - Manganye Tintswalo, Matabane Dineo, Mgobo Khanya, Mkhize Spesihle, Mmako Goitsimang, Mogoshi Galaletsang, Mokgahlane Oratile, Morwane Thato, Moses Derryn
 Third Row - Moumakwe Kagiso, Muzuzu Kiray, Ndala Boikhutso, Ndlouvu Reabetswe, Nkabinde Siya, Pienaar Cayleb, Sekgala Phetho

Grade 12G



First Row - Jackals Boitumelo, Jones Drusché, Jwili Aya, Katametsi Masego, Khumalo Lindi, Kombela Hlomla, Lehlabe Lesego, Letshufi Nomsa, Makgalemele Keamogetswe
 Second Row - Malebana Phetho, Maluleke Nita, Maseko Sibusiso, Masemola Celestine, Mashinini Keamohetse, Matlala Lebogang, Moatshe Kamogelo, Makhine Gift, Mzini Likhona
 Third Row - Nteo Lebo, Phora Kagiso, Rahlogo Tebogo, Tumber Tiffney, Vilakazi Blessings, Visagie Meagan, Zantsi Mivuyo

Grade 12H



First Row - Aphane Oreneile, Joseph Oluwakanyinsola, Lekgwathi Tswelopele, Madilonga Michelle, Masemola Lesego, Mashau Blessing, Mbangu Harrington, Modipa Tshiamo, Modise Ayana
 Second Row - Mokwena Kamogelo, Moremi Leago, Mthembu Orifanela, Ndambuki Sharon, Schloss Yashfah, Tause Vuyani, Thobejane Mapatene, Van Der Heyde Angelique

Letter to my past Self

To: Your Little Grade 8A student, Luyanda

Hello, my past self.
 I hope you're doing well.
 But then again,
 I know you're not.
 Because I was you,
 And you are me.

I know about all the smiles you've had to fake.
 I know about all the silent tears your pillow is stained with.
 I know about all the people you've loved and all you've lost.
 I remember it all.

But listen,
 It doesn't get easier.
 You will still go through hard times.
 People will still leave you.
 You will still feel sad sometimes.

It may not get easier...
 But you do get stronger.
 Strong enough to overcome it all.
 The pain.

The tears.
 The obstacles.

Small things won't hurt you anymore.
 Every rock in your way will turn into a pebble.
 People will go and others will come.
 But you'll be alright.

You'll grow stronger.
 You'll be wiser.
 You'll get bigger (not in height though, we shall always be 5'5)
 It may not get easier but you will be happy.
 Of that I am sure.

So past self I tell you.
 Dry your tears. You're not alone.
 You'll be surprised of all you'll overcome.
 Love, Future You,
 Your inspiration Grade 12B Luyanda Ndlouvu



Matrics

The Last Dance, Matrics

It's crucial to understand the significance of this night for many students, even though some may consider it to be an excessive affair. It serves as the fruit of years of labour and effort and offers one last chance for friends to celebrate before moving on to the next phase of their lives.

It's important to keep in mind that this might be the last chance some students get to dress up and go to a formal event. It's an opportunity for them to feel valued and special and to share their successes with their classmates. However, this plays a crucial function for many students, giving them a night of celebration, memories, and closure before they move on to the next stage of their lives, despite the fact that some may view it as a lavish affair and waste of time.

The memories of that night will last forever.



Dear Giselle

We want you to know that you will be sorely missed here at Willowridge High School as you set out on your new journey with your family. Your devotion to education and constant support of our staff and students has been an inspiration to us all.

You have been an essential member of our Willowridge Family, and we will always be grateful for all you did as First Lady of Willowridge since 1987. Several students have benefited from your creative and visionary approach to education which has helped shape the minds of countless students and has left a lasting impact on our institution.

Everyone has noticed and is grateful for the effort and emotional commitment you have made in our school. You have inspired us to pursue excellence and put our pupils first at all times. We appreciate everything you have done for our community and have observed your eagerness to provide a hand and offer more.

We are sorry to see you depart, but we are happy for you and your family as you start this new journey. Everywhere you go, we are confident that you'll continue to motivate and have a great influence.

We appreciate your leadership, your passion, and your unfailing dedication to our employees and students. Although you will be sorely missed, Willowridge High School will carry on your legacy.

Sincerely,
The Willowridge Family



Celebrating the First Lady of Willowridge

*Giselle
Pretorious*

