STIRLING HIGH SCHOOL

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TO PARENTS OF 2027 GRADE EIGHT PUPILS

Dear Parents

WELCOME

To all new pupils to the school, and to the parents of new pupils, welcome to Stirling High School. It is our hope that your association with the school will be a warm and happy one.

It is our intention to provide a quality, broad based education in which emphasis will be placed on positive academic progress, the development of personality, the enhancement of sporting skills, cultural involvement and the propagation of sound values and principles.

While these are our ideals, and our efforts are directed towards these goals, we are fully aware of the fact that we are not perfect and never will be; but we do strive for perfection. Should you at any time be aware of a problem or a difficulty at school, please do contact us about it. By making us aware of a problem we are able to respond to it.

ORIENTATION

An initial task will be to make our Grade Eight pupils feel at home and confident about school procedures.

With this in mind the following arrangements have been made.

1. Special Grade Eight orientation on the day before the commencement of the school year.

1.1 On the day before the new term commences, namely on Tuesday, 12 January 2027, all Grade Eight pupils are requested to attend school from 07:40 to 15:00 for orientation. The school sports shorts and sports shirt are to be worn with suitable sports shoes.

1.2 Pupils will be met outside by their class teachers and the prefects. They can be dropped in the drop-off zone in Gleneagles Road and fetched at the same place at 15:00.

1.3 The pupils will be placed in their class groups, taken on a tour of the school, be settled into their own classroom, and be given a short information session that will help them to become familiar with the school and its procedures. This will be followed by some fun activities. Refreshments and lunch will also be provided.

1.4 Pupils will also receive their name badges which are also house badges.

1.5 The pupils will be under the care of Mrs. Schwartz, Head of Grade Eight, and their class teachers.

1.6 Pupils should bring their book bags with them.

2. The school year commences officially on Wednesday, 13 January 2027.
School hours are from 07:40 to 14:00 throughout the year.

3. On Friday, 15 January, the Grade Eights will have a sing song after school that will end at 15:00.

4. A more formal function, the Grade Eight Evening, is due to be held during the First Term. This is an evening for parents and pupils.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. M. Schwartz whose special task is to look after the Grade Eights.

UNIFORM

Stirling High School does not stipulate which stockists one should use. The standard uniform items can be purchased at any store including Stirling Primary School Shop and Strand Outfitters who stock all items of uniform. A copy of our uniform requirements is attached for your information.

The normal trading hours of the Stirling Primary School Uniform Shop are as follows:

Monday to Friday 12:00 pm - 15:00 pm.

Monday, 7th December open 12:00 to 15:00 (last day of trading for 2026).

Shop hours for 2027

6th Jan	Wednesday	10:00 - 15:00
7th Jan	Thursday	10:00 - 15:00
8th Jan	Friday	10:00 - 15:00
9th Jan	Saturday	09:00 - 12:00
11th Jan	Monday	10:00 - 15:00
12th Jan	Tuesday	10:00 - 15:00
13th Jan	Wednesday	Back to normal trading hours (12:00 - 15:00)

Payment may be by cash, a credit card or a debit card.

The shop also runs a clothing exchange and may be contacted telephonically at 043 735 4033.

SCHOOL BOOKS AND BOOK CASE

As in the past, the school will not be providing free textbooks and stationery to pupils in 2027. However, the welcoming letter from the Chairperson of the Governing Body, Ms. T. Roos, explains the basis on which textbooks will be lent to pupils for use during the year and work books and a standard supply of stationery issued. Note that stationery only refers to paper products. All text books must be returned at the end of the year. **Textbooks and stationery can be collected on Tuesday, 24 November 2026 from 11:00 to 15:00.** Alternatively, pupils will be issued their textbooks and stationery on 12 January 2027.

Textbooks issued by the school have to be used for a number of years before they are replaced as they are expensive articles to buy. School bags should therefore be a sturdy type that will protect the books.

All school bags should be clean and free of graffiti.

COPY OF LATEST SCHOOL REPORT AND TRANSFER LETTER

Please obtain a transfer letter from your child's 2026 school. This, along with a copy of the final 2026 report, must be given to your child to submit to their Class Teacher on the first day of school (12 January). It is a legal requirement that the school receives these documents.

SCHOOL FEES

Please study the separate welcoming letter from Ms. T. Roos, the Chairperson of the School's Governing Body, in which the details of the school fee structure for 2026 are explained. Apart from the school fees, the school will try to limit, as far as is possible, its financial demands on parents. As such, services such as travel for normal educational, sporting and cultural activities within the province, coaching, provision of some sporting equipment, the school magazine, the orientation camp, a name badge, and all the usual services that have been provided by the school, are included in the fee.

I am also happy to report that, once again, Stirling High School will end the year with no carry-over debts from previous years. This means that the school fees that parents pay will be used exclusively for the costs of the 2027 school year.

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES

School fees are due and payable at the commencement of the school year. However, parents may pay the fee annually, quarterly or monthly in advance. In doing this, parents are encouraged to make use of the debit order system for school fee payments. A copy of the debit order form for 2027 is attached. Please complete it and return it to the school or to **lerouxa@stirlinghs.co.za** if you are happy to make use of the system. Charges for debit orders are carried by the school. The school also offers the facility for payment to be made by credit card or debit card.

FOR SECURITY REASONS WE WISH TO REDUCE CASH PAYMENTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

FURTHER INFORMATION

A further newsletter, in which various school procedures will be explained, will be sent to parents at the beginning of the new school year.

I wish all our new families a happy festive season.

Yours sincerely

M Reed

Mrs M Reed
ACTING PRINCIPAL