



# Stanford Lake College

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Dear Debenture Holders, Parents, Staff and Friends of Stanford Lake College

As the new Chairman of the Letaba Educational Trust, it gives me great pleasure to write my first letter to all of you. I joined the Stanford Board in late 2009 and, having served on a school board before, I was well aware of the general challenges and dynamics of a school board. I have been nothing but impressed with the expertise and composition of the Board. It is, however, with sadness that we say farewell to Maggie Baleta, our previous Chair. Maggie, as a founder member, made huge contributions to the school over the years. The contributions date back to the initial pioneering phase, followed by her efforts and leadership to take the school to the mode where striving for excellence in governance is paramount. We salute you, Maggie, and promise to carry on with your legacy.

With Maggie retiring from the Board, we welcome Christine de Villiers as her replacement. Christine is well known in the Tzaneen community, where she has served on the Unicorn Board of Governors and is an Educator. Christine has twin daughters at Stanford.

Congratulations to the Matrics of 2010. Matrics, Staff and Parents: you can be proud of a 100% pass rate and 85% University Entrance. These are truly outstanding results. It is these sorts of statistics that remind us of why we send our children to Stanford Lake College.

I would like to say a big word of "Welcome" to all the new pupils and parents, who have joined the Stanford family. Being the parent of a son who matriculated last year, I can certainly relate to those parents who feel guilt about their child being in boarding, only to be told by their precious darling that they do not want to come home on weekends.

Fortunately, school is "lekker" and "cool" at Stanford Lake College.

This past Saturday was our first Board Meeting with the Exco to assess the school's KPA's for 2010 and the general outcome was excellent. On behalf of the Board, I would like to congratulate Johann and the staff on the outcome of Saturday's meeting. Saturday was also an opportune time for the Exco to share their plans for 2011 and it is very clear that we are in for an exciting and busy year.

I wish all of you a pleasant and eventful 2011.

God Bless

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