



Uplands College

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Dear Parents

BOARD FEEDBACK

Uplands College Board considered a number of critical issues at our recent Board meeting:

1. Marketing

We reaffirmed our commitment to maintain a boarding ethos and keeping our boarding houses full. The boarding facilities are currently running at full capacity, but early indications are that 2011 will be more challenging. This is as a result of the general economic downturn and also decreasing numbers of boarders coming through from the Prep.

The decision was taken to apply extra effort into recruiting boarders, particularly in areas such as Lydenburg and Johannesburg. The Board is also very aware of the need to remain competitive from a pricing point of view in the local market for independent schooling.

2. Infrastructure

- The relocation of the cricket nets and the construction of the first phase of our sports centre will commence shortly. The sports centre will be built in two phases. The first phase will involve the much needed ablution facilities and a concrete platform for what will, eventually, be a gym, entertainment area and sports offices. This decision was taken to ensure that we remain within budget parameters but also keep in mind the long term needs of the school.
- We also approved the finances required to, in partnership with the Prep, upgrade the entrance road to Uplands. This project will be completed during the current holiday period.
- Finally, after lengthy debate, we have approved a project which will see a swimming club operating on our campus and the heating of the College swimming pool. The major concerns revolved around the long term financial viability of the project, the environmental impact of the project and the need for energy. This project is being funded in partnership with the Prep and parents who are passionate about swimming.

As announced at Founders Evening, we are delighted that Nic Adams has agreed to take on the chairmanship of the Board when I step down at the end of the year. I will, however, remain on the Board for an indefinite period as past chairman.

I wish you all a very pleasant “ayoba” holiday as we embrace soccer in its finest form.

Regards

MILES JAPHET
Chairman