

PRETORIA BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Old Boys

We would like to thank the almost 2000 donors who have contributed so generously towards the fund raising drive overseen by Bill Schroder these past three years. While the success of the campaign can be followed more closely on the fund raising website (www.pretorian.co.za) we felt it important to send all the old boys and donors news of the project, its successes thus far and our challenges for the future.

Phase one of the campaign is fast coming to an end and when Bill Schroder completes his term of office as fundraiser at the end of this year, over R28m will have been raised. This is a phenomenal achievement and we thank the many donors who have given so generously. As per the updated communication on the website and sent to you, the school had to revise its planning and the first phase is now the restoration of the existing hall to fulfil the objectives of the original campaign. The restoration of the hall will cost approximately R22m and work is already underway. We anticipate the hall to be completed by the end of May 2015 after which we will have an official opening to acknowledge the many donors and thank them for their contributions.

The Trustees of the Pretorian Trust would like to continue the goodwill of the campaign and the spirit of giving into the future and are busy putting plans in place for the permanent establishment of a fundraising office. The purpose of this would be to allow on-going donations and bequests from Old Boys, parents and friends of the school, or approaches to be made to corporate benefactors. The Trustees will be responsible for managing all fundraising in the interim period until such time as this office is established. Their primary focus will be phase two of the building project, the construction of a media and music centre as outlined in the plans on the website. At this stage, we would need a further R15m to complete this project directly after phase one, thus causing minimum disruption to the school.

Phase three of the plan is the renovation and/or reconstruction of the gymnasium into an indoor sporting facility and it is hoped that the impetus of the campaign can be maintained to allow this to go ahead in 2016.

A further component of the campaign was the establishment of a bursary scheme to allow boys whose parents are unable to pay the cost of a Boys High education the opportunity to attend the school. Two trusts will be established as part of the Pretorian Trust, one an Endowment Trust to receive donations specifically for buildings and improvements and the other a Bursary Trust to, as its name suggests, build up a bursary fund. In future, donors would be able to direct their donations more specifically which is currently not possible.

We would like to reiterate our thanks to the extremely supportive and generous old boy community who have responded so well to our call for help. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, has been very gratefully received. We encourage those who have not yet donated to consider doing so to enable the school to begin the second phase of this project. Further details are available on the website. We wish all Old Boys and their family and friends well for the Festive Season.

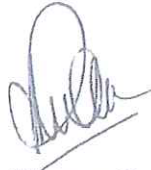
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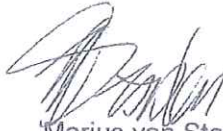
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