KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL

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THE KING EDWARD EDUCATIONAL TRUST NEWSLETTER

OUR
TRUSTEES

Jonathan Gerber
1986
CHAIRMAN

Michael Faber
1986

David Munro
1988

NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to this latest Edition of Trusted.

The Winter sports season really brings the school to life and it has been wonderful to have all the boys back playing sport, the parents supporting and watching and the after match catch ups taking pace in the Teddy Bears Arms situated in our wonderful state of the Art – Mark Stevens Aquatic Centre.

July will see many old boys returning for their Reunions and we welcome them all back with open arms. King Edward VII School simply has the best band of brothers out there. Their support of their school is well known around South Africa and sincerely appreciated. The school simply wouldn't be where it is today if it was not for this support whether it be monetary, anecdotally or sending your boys back to our great school. Our 120 for 120 campaign is now in full swing with various events planned and the introduction of our new Liberalis Blazer. The Liberalis blazer will be awarded to all people that have donated in excess of R10 million to the school, I am happy to confirm that at this point in time there are three beneficiaries who will shortly be bestowed this honour. The Liberalis Blazer will also have a service award for people that have given of their time over the years to further enhance the school and all that it stands for. From a Trust perspective we are confident that the beneficiaries will wear them with pride at the various formal school functions and we do indeed look forward to a few more beneficiaries being announced as we continue to get closer to our target of the

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Kevin McEvoy
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Mark Perchtold
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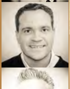


Neil Darroch
1994

Orrin Klopper
1992

EX-OFFICIO

Mr David Lovatt
HEADMASTER of KES

Mr David Ernstzen
HEADMASTER of KEPS

Johnny Smith

Tutty Faber
1957

Paul Miot
1982

Thabiso Madiba
1999

Mark Mohring
1988

R120 million during our current campaign.

This edition of Trusted also tells the story of two Old Boys and their journey to the 2024 Olympic games, we wish them well in this quest. King Edward VII School is a unique South African school, the intention is to keep it that way, thank you for taking the time to read this latest edition and we hope to see you all shortly.

Continue to support your school in any way possible, we rely on our Old Boy network and friends of the school to tell the unbelievable story and to continue the legacy. Enjoy the read and Go School.

Sons of this place, let this of you be said. That those of you who live, are worthy of your dead.

Strenue

– Jonathan Gerber, Chairman

EASTER FESTIVAL

2022

After a Covid-induced hiatus of two years, the return of hosting our 2022 Easter Rugby and Hockey Festival was tested to the full, amidst the legislated requirements for ongoing Pandemic Protocols at public gatherings, together with less-than-ideal prevailing weather, bringing incessant rain and cold conditions, with intermittent respite all too brief throughout the weekend.

Notwithstanding these challenges, the excitement of schoolboys from 38 teams comprising Senior and Prep School Rugby, and Senior Hockey, trumped everything thrown at us.

The Easter Festival was back in all its usual glory, and crowd numbers far exceeded our expectations. Typically, in true King Edward spirit, the loyal support of large numbers of KES boys and old boys on all three days, reinforced yet again the envied brotherhood of `The Red Army`.

Participating teams from all the major Provinces brought their special buzz and energy to School over the Easter weekend. We forever remind ourselves that our Festival is blessed by the presence of a mix of teams from far corners of our country, some of whom have been immensely loyal to our cause as attendees over many years – Jeppe Boys High and Eldoraigne from Pretoria, warrant special mention in this respect.

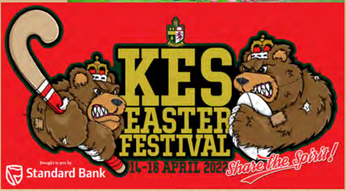
Perhaps the `bittersweet` moment of the Festival, was the final rugby game on the Saturday, with the Reds playing that very special School from the Eastern Cape, Dale College. Sadly, Dale had endured 2 recent fatalities from their team, but bravely decided to travel to Johannesburg, and participate in honour of their absent teammates – a poignant moment of embrace by the 2 teams prior to kick-off, a reminder of the intense mutual respect that prevails between our Milner Schools, unquestionably a priceless relationship.

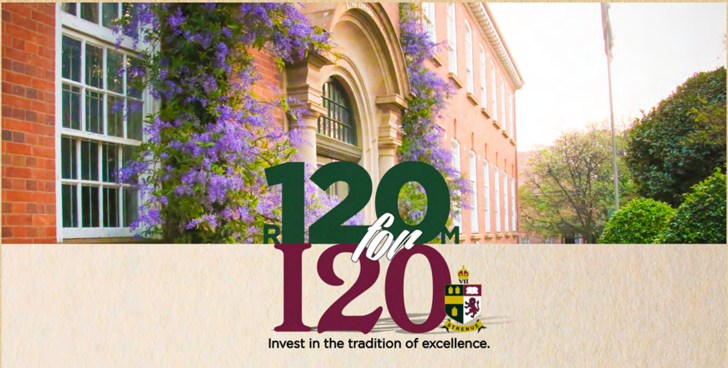
Had Covid not announced itself early 2020, this would have been the 20th anniversary of the Festival, now scheduled for 2024 - watch this space as we will share more details on the 2024 (20th) edition as our plans unfold. Easter 2024 is a must for your diaries.

Our Easter Festival Committee thanks all who contributed through financial support, attendance, and entering into the spirit which differentiates us from the rest.

Bring on 2023.

– Ian Sim





Our school is in excellent shape.

**Our academic results are strong; we have dynamic leadership and a very good teacher-pupil ratio;
achievements on the sports fields and across cultural activities are excellent;
and the grounds and buildings are in magnificent condition.**

The excellence we currently enjoy and can be proud of would not have been possible without the remarkable generosity of our old boys and other benefactors who believe education is key to our country's future.

Donations to the schools have made possible a broad range of developments: the world-class Mark Stevens aquatic centre; the (very symbolic) transformation of the old gymnasium into a library and museum; the Victor Daitz maths centre and hockey pavilion; the Rob Wray Pavilion with extensive gymnasium; the Barry Baars erg room; the purchase of a new rowing fleet; a multi-media centre in the prep school; two separate indoor cricket net facilities; new outdoor astro surface cricket nets which convert to hockey warm-up areas in winter, as well as new turf cricket nets next to School House; a floodlit hockey astro turf; renovations to the clock tower; a new parking area for prep teachers; refurbishment of the majority of the high school's classrooms; new classrooms at the prep school, replacing the pre-fabs; new Science Labs with an 'outdoor experiment' auditorium; a basketball complex; a single dining complex for boarders together with a state of the art kitchen; the upgrade of dormitories and all educator accommodation in the boarding houses; a borehole with a pop-up sprinkler system for the playing fields; new ladies and gents ablutions behind the cricket pavilion; the purchase of 'Strenue House' at 43a St Patrick Road, now the residence for our Headmaster at KEPS; and the establishment of Baby Bears, our very own pre-school.

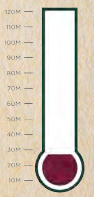
Benefactors have also put thousands of boys through the school, covering their tuition and boarding. Out of 1,100 current pupils in the high school, 136 are on bursaries. The King Edwards schools have always prided themselves on their egalitarianism. The schools are home to boys from all walks of life, the sons of immigrant families living in Yeoville or wealthy families from leafier suburbs. These bursaries allow us to take on talented boys from less privileged backgrounds, giving them an opportunity to make the most of their potential.

The trustees of the King Edward Educational Trust want to maintain and surpass this excellence. This is the motivation behind the current fund-raising campaign. We want to attract and retain the best teachers by increasing the amount of staff accommodation we can offer beyond the current 23, and to maintain the current staff-student ratio of 14:1. Infrastructure projects like a music centre and upgrades to the entrances of both schools are planned, with a very long wish list for additional facilities that would improve the school's educational experience. And we want to continue being able to fund learners whose family circumstances prevent them from paying school fees in full.

And, finally, we want to build up an endowment that will give our schools security into the future, so that they can weather any unexpected storms, and are in a position to take advantage of any opportunities that might arise.

The costs of the infrastructure projects alone over the past 10 years have exceeded R120 million. And R120 million, in our 120th anniversary year, is the amount we aim to raise in the months ahead.

Any contributions are welcomed, whether it is monetary, time devoted to flipping burgers, sending your sons to KEPS and KES, or just speaking well of the schools. We do have a wonderful story to tell of our past and our present, and want this to resonate into the future as well.



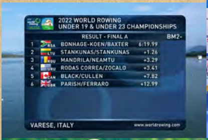
JUNE 2022 OVERALL TOTAL
29.2 MILLION

For easy reference our banking details are:
SA: King Edward Educational Trust • Bank: Standard Bank• Branch: Killarney • Branch code: 07205 • Acc no: 200289047 • Ref: Your name + surname
International: King Edward Educational Trust • International deposits: SWIFT Address: SBZAZAJJ • Swift code: 00720535 • Ref: Your name + surname
Should you require any further information please contact Derron van Eeden – dvaneeden@kes.co.za

Donor Wall
Baby Bears
Pre-Preparatory School

Right: Damien Bohage-Koen & Chris Baxter racing for King Edward VII School in Junior Men's 1st Pairs

Below:
U23 World Championships



2022 WORLD ROWING
UNDER 19 & UNDER 23 CHAMPIONSHIPS

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4	URU	RODAS CORREA/ZOCALO	+3.41
5	CAN	BLACK/CULLEN	+7.82
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CHRIS BAXTER & DAMIEN BONHAGE-KOEN

OUR

WORLD CHAMPION ROWERS

U23 World Champions, in the fastest time ever recorded by a U23 men's pair! Damien and Chris will be bringing home gold medals from the 2022 U23 Rowing World Championships held in Varese Italy in July. Improving on the 4th place they achieved at the 2018 Junior World Championships in Racice, Czech Republic, these athletes now have their sights set firmly on the Paris Olympics in 2024.

They have been rowing together for nearly a decade. Rowing first brought them together as schoolboys in U16 where they enjoyed the camaraderie and brotherhood of the King Edward VII School's Rowing Club and won every race they entered in their pair in their U16 and open years. Their partnership has continued to flourish on the international rowing stage, as members of the RMB National Squad.

Damien has an interest in logistics and is currently working part-time for a logistics company to support his rowing career while Chris works part-time as a financial advisor. These are areas of their lives which they are both passionate about.

But training for rowing is a full-time job in itself. Athletes in the RMB national squad train in excess of 24 hours per week and

spend over 3 months of the year away from their training base at the University of Pretoria and Roodeplaat Dam.

Chris and Damien's path is focused on Paris 2024 and beyond, while still hoping to form partnerships with corporates in their respective financial and logistics field of work, to enable them to train full time but to also ensure a smooth transition to the working world when their sporting careers end. We look forward to watching their already remarkable rowing careers flourish at even greater heights!

by Paul Marketos

TAG FOUNDATION

In 2009, my parents Jonathan Gerber (a King Edward VII Old Boy) and Traci Gerber started TAG foundation. Initially they just wanted to change lives and make a difference in the world allowing a handful of boys the right to an education. Over the years TAG has grown tremendously, they now sponsor 38 boys and 9 young ladies at Parktown Girls High School.

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world"- *Nelson Mandela.*

I have decided to raise funds, support this great cause and continue to give back to the foundation my parents started. I ultimately want to give back to the boys and girls that don't grow up with the same opportunities I have been given. Coming from a place of privilege and having a family who is extremely close I have been given the chance not many kids in South Africa have. Many young boys and girls grow up with single parents or with broken families. They have to fight for everything in life and I want to be the person who gives them their chance to reach their full potential.

My campaign will be to raise enough money to financially support a boy through King Edward VII School for five years. Boarding and School fees. This will mean I need to raise R700K.

It takes a village to raise a child. I can't do this alone!

Every child deserves to dream, all it takes is an opportunity and for someone to believe in them.

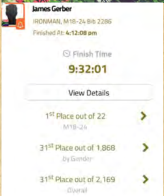
When doing some research, I spoke to a current TAG boy, and he had this to say "TAG Foundation to me is a family. The support is too much from all fronts whether it be sport or academic, and it just shows how much the foundation cares about us. The foundation keeps growing every year which is amazing. TAG is comforting, like the smiles we get when we see the people of TAG, Traci in particular when you greet her, her smile is so warm and eases the nerves, you feel like it is okay to be yourself. Honestly, I don't know what to say, its more than just words, there are not enough words that can describe how amazing TAG is and how much they do for us." Lebo Selahla, Grade 12

"When I think of TAG Foundation, the first thing that comes to mind is an opportunity. TAG gives us, particularly me, a chance to prove that I am not just a generalised idea of what a township boy is." Ndzalama Rikhotso, Grade 12

Please share as much as you can and pass it on! Can't wait for you to be part of this journey with me.

– James Gerber, Class of 2016

https://matchkit.co/james_gerber/crowdfund



James Gerber
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1st Place out of 22
M18-24
31st Place out of 1,868
by Gender
31st Place out of 2,169
Overall

James Gerber wins his age group (18-24) in a time of 9.32.01

KING EDWARD VII PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Baby Bears Pre-Preparatory School

"Fun in the Sun" has soon become our mantra as every morning our little people come bounding in to school. Baby Bears opened its doors in January of this year with three classes and a total of 22 pupils. Over the past two terms we have grown to 30 pupils and in July we will start our 1–2-year-old class. Baby Bears is the perfect place to start any child's school career. There is one class of each age group (1-2, 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5) and we cater for both boys and girls. Our teachers are all qualified for their respective age groups and come with a wealth of experience.

Our programme is varied and stimulating and covers all the basic skills necessary for a pre-school child. Gross motor and fine motor skills as well as perceptual and cognitive skills are taught daily. The programme also covers pre-literacy and pre-numeracy skills. Life skills as well as social and emotional development form an integral part of our every day.

Music is taught to the whole school on a weekly basis and this forms part of our rich syllabus.

Teddy Cricket and Tumbling Tigerz are offered as extra murals.

Baby Bears is situated adjacent to King Edward VII Preparatory school at 1 Oak Street and our hours are from 07:00-17:30 daily during the school term. A holiday care programme is offered during the longer holidays at an extra cost. Our fees are in line with those of K.E.P.S. and includes breakfast, a midmorning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack.

Our classrooms are big, bright, and inviting and the children are attracted to the variety of activities on offer each day. Our playground is unique and an absolute treasure trove for little people.

For information or to arrange a visit please contact jlobban.babybears.co.za

– Jenny Lobban

KING EDWARD ASSOCIATION

LADIES IN RED

To all the Ladies of King Edward keep a look out on social media for an exciting event happening on **Saturday, 27th August.**

NO GLASSES TO BE TAKEN

Above:- Some Old Boys at Henley

120TH CELEBRATIONS

AROUND THE GLOBE

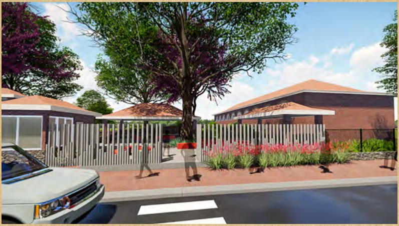
The UK Golf Day and dinner is on 7 October 2022 at the London Scottish Golf Club.
David Lovatt will be travelling to london to attend this event.
Further details in respect of bookings, etc will be sent out in due course.

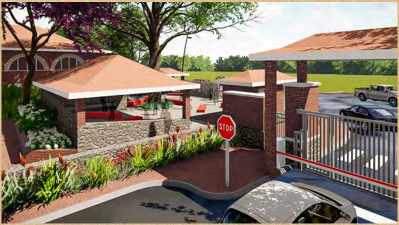
BOOKINGS TO OPEN SOON FOR:
The Annual Golf Day will be taking place at Royal Johannesburg and Kensington Golf Club on 11 November 2022.
The 120th banquet will be taking place on Saturday, 12 November 2022 at the school.
The cost per ticket is R500.00 per person.

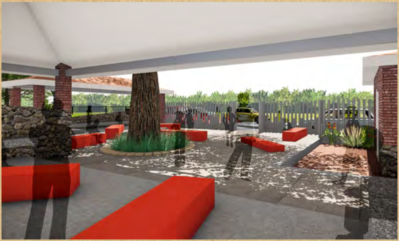
KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL

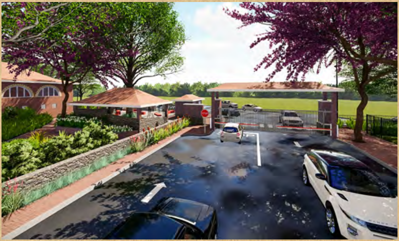
CAPITAL PROJECTS

Ensuring that King EdwardVII School remains relevant and world class for our 120th celebration.









NEW ENTRANCE

The School Governing Body has endorsed the long overdue upgrade of our main entrance such that it is not only becoming of our School, but also to provide a much safer and lightning-proof 'waiting space' for learners awaiting pick up by parents and commuter transport.

NEW ADDITIONS TO EXISTING GEOGRAPHY BLOCK

Alterations and additions will be made to our existing Geography Block to create 3 new classrooms, alleviating the current practice of peripatetic teaching space for certain of our educators who do not have the benefit of their own dedicated classroom. This includes additional staircases for improved fire security and direct access to the additional classrooms.

MUSIC CENTRE

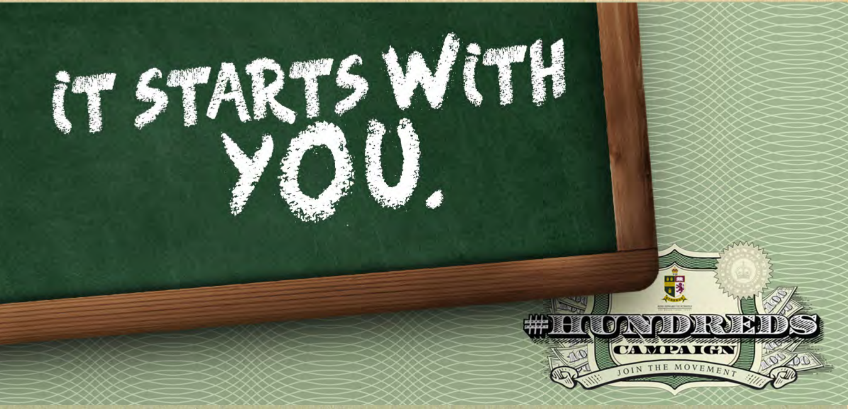
Our Headmaster Mr Lovatt has a dream of developing a Music Centre for joint use by KES and KEPS learners. Help him to fulfil it as a music centre is long overdue. We have so many talented budding musicians at the two Schools and the time has come for us to nurture these talents.

Our Admissions Director, Deon Visser, can attest to the numerous talented learners we lose to other schools as a result of this gap in our educational offering.

This is an ideal project for philanthropic music lovers to help create a unique legacy - if you would like to contribute to this watershed project, please contact us in haste.

NB: Please liaise directly with Derron van Eeden in the trust office for details on fundraising appeals.

Top row: Entrance. Above: Geography block



#Hundreds campaign - The endowment is critical for securing the future success of the school and it is our mandate as the Trust to ensure we have a healthy bank balance. If every individual reading this newsletter signed up to this campaign, we would be able to educate 154 students a year at King Edward School!! For only R100 per month? Let that sink in. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all our donors that have signed up so far, the impact you have made is far reaching. Sign up here

OUR OVERSEAS CHAPTERS

A NOTE FROM THE KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL EDUCATION TRUST UK:

There are 4 important things we'd like to share with you:

1 **KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TRUST UK** is a registered charity in the UK and recognised by both the Charities Commission and HMRC as an eligible charity.
See here for details of the trust's charitable status, objects, trustees, etc.

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

2 A **JustGiving** page has been set up for donors to donate as little as they wish on a monthly or one-off basis. The reason for setting up the JustGiving page is that they assist with collecting an additional 25p from the UK Government for every £ donated (25% top up on your donation). Read more about Gift Aid here.
Donate here.

Donate online with
JustGiving

3 Do you or your family members use Amazon for shopping?
By using **AmazonSmile** for shopping, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to your nominated charity.
Visit here. Search for King Edward VII School Education Trust UK once you've registered for AmazonSmile.
Please ask your other halves to do the same!

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

4 A UK bank account us up and running in the UK and in order to donate directly to the Trust here are the bank details:
Bank: Nedbank Private Wealth
Account name: King Edward VII Schools Edu Tst UK
Sort Code: 16 57 06
Account Branch Number: 93774590
IBAN: GB64-RFLC-1657-0693-7745-90

If you have any questions please email kesukoldboys@gmail.com

120 CAMPAIGN

King Edward VII School turns 120 years old in the year 2022 and the Trust, along with the support of both KES and KEPS, Old Boys, Staff and the greater King Edward community, are embarking on an exciting campaign to celebrate this milestone. The goal is to raise R120 million.

This campaign will remain the focus in terms of fundraising. The funding will be allocated to 4 pillars:

- The endowment
- Capital works projects
- Bursaries
- Educator/staff enhancement

These funds are critical to secure the future of the School and ensure financial depth and future planning. No amount is too small and its thanks to the generosity of our supporters and donors that the School is in such a healthy position to date, it is our duty and honour to keep this legacy alive.

Should you wish to contribute to the 120 Campaign, please contact:
dvaneeden@kes.co.za or for easy reference herewith the banking details:

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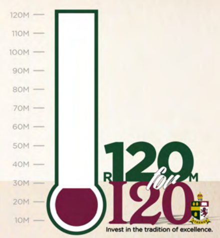
International Deposits: SWIFT Address: SBZAZAJJ • Swift Code: 00720535
Should you wish to sign up a debit order (Debit orders are deducted on the 1st of each month). Please email dvaneeden@kes.co.za who will forward you the debit order form.



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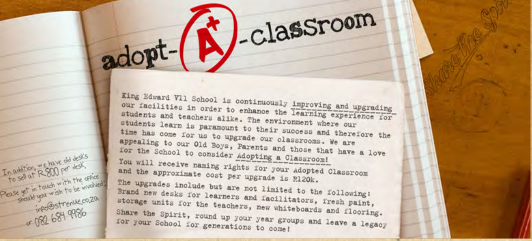
The biggest room in the world, is the room for improvement! Helmut Schmidt
STRENUE
KING EDWARD VII SCHOOLS

> *"The biggest room in the world,*
> *is the room for improvement!"*
> – Helmut Schmidt


Share the Spirit

adopt-A+-classroom

King Edward Vll School is continuously <u>improving and upgrading</u> our facilities in order to enhance the learning experience for students and teachers alike. The environment where our students learn is paramount to their success and therefore the time has come for us to upgrade our classrooms. We are appealing to our Old Boys, Parents and those that have a love for the School to consider Adopting a Classroom!

You will receive naming rights for your Adopted Classroom and the approximate cost per upgrade is R120k.

The upgrades include but are not limited to the following: Brand new desks for learners and facilitators, fresh paint, storage units for the teachers, new whiteboards and flooring.

Share the Spirit, round up your year groups and leave a legacy for your School for generations to come!

In addition, we have old desks to sell at R800 per desk.

Please get in touch with the office should you wish to be involved!

info@strenue.co.za

or 082 684 9986

The School continues to strive for excellence, and we are continuing to upgrade classrooms to offer the learners and educators the best possible learning experience. We are appealing to our year groups to pull together and 'Adopt a Classroom'. Each class will be named after the donor/class that commits to its upgrade. To date, we have completed 16 classroom upgrades with 26 still to be done. We are not even halfway yet, but we do believe that we will achieve the refurbishment of all classrooms in 2022. If you can get involved, please get in touch with the office on dvaneeden@kes.co.za

TAX BENEFITS OF BENEFACTION

It is best to consult your financial adviser for your tax planning, but we summarise here the tax benefits available to donors to educational institutions, which are classified as public benefit organisations:

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ANNUAL TAXABLE INCOME

Both individuals and business can give up to 10% of annual taxable income to the King Edward Educational Trust and receive a tax certificate for this deductible contribution.
Tax certificates, under Section 18 (A) of the Income Tax Act, are issued to donors as soon as the donation has been received.
In most cases the tax deduction ensures that the donor will in effect be paying 60% of the amount actually donated to the Foundation.

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DONATIONS TAX

There is no donations tax payable on any donation made to the King Edward Educational Trust.

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ESTATE DUTY/BEQUEST

Any property bequeathed to the King Edward Educational Trust is excluded from the value of the estate and therefore not subject to estate duty.

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CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Any capital gain or loss determined in respect of an asset which has been donated or bequeathed to the King Edward Educational Trust will be disregarded.

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DONATIONS - IN - KIND

There are tax concessions, subject to valuation, for the donation of property (including adjuncts such as security fencing, scaffolding etc), financial instruments (such as shares in a listed company), trading stock and assets (such as foodstuffs, medical supplies, furniture, motor vehicles, computers, office equipment).

Looking to leave a legacy to your school? Please contact us regarding a bequest.

STRENUE TRUST

OFFERING

Are you as a company looking to reduce your financial impact of your 6% Skills development spend whilst still receiving your full BEE benefit? We have partnered with a highly reputable company who was birthed due to the high unemployment rate and increasing lack of qualified youth available for jobs. They also offer a corporate tax saving of around 15% of your PAYE bill monthly. Who said BBEEE had to be so daunting! Contact us to assist you with our holistic model providing:

- Socio economic development solutions
- Skills development solutions
- Enterprise and supplier development solutions
- Procurement options
- Ownership structures

How can you help? Do you have a company that utilizes BEE spend or do you have a contact in a company that does? If so please contact the office on paul.marketos@isometrix.com in order for us to arrange a meeting.

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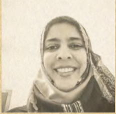
Mafura Chavoos
Trustee

NOTE FROM THE STRENUE CHAIRMAN

MAKING BEE WORK

While the implementation of BEE in South Africa might leave much to be desired, B-BBEE will continue to be a key requirement for businesses for many years to come. Let us then make the most of it and put it to best use. It is with this aim in mind that the Strenue Trust was first established in 2014. The trust takes B-BBEE spend, primarily Enterprise Development (ED), Socio-economic Development (SED) and Skills Development (SD) and invests these funds into bursaries for deserving learners at the King Edward schools as well as Parktown Girls and the Hope school for disabled learners. Investing in Strenue means you can be certain that the funds are being spent in the best possible way – by investing in the country's top state schools and the education of the learners who attend these schools. Strenue is a Level 1 BEE contributor, which means our donors maximize their BEE points. So it really is a win-win-win, with learners, schools and companies all benefitting. If your company is in a position to potentially partner with Strenue, please contact me at 082 820 9586 or strenue@kes.co.za.

– Paul Marketos, Chairman

GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

> “SONS OF THIS PLACE, LET THIS OF YOU BE SAID:
> THAT YOU WHO LIVE ARE WORTHY OF YOUR DEAD”

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