



Circular 1/2025

17 January 2025

Dear parents

1. We wish you all a prosperous 2025. Welcome back, especially all the new learners and parents who joined the Muriel Brand family in 2025.
2. **MATRIC RESULTS:** Congratulations to the Class of 2024 with a 100% pass rate! Hard work is rewarded. Thank you to the staff for their dedication and hard work.
3. **FINANCES:** It is time to pay school fees! We try to keep all our fees as low as possible, but we depend on your contributions to keep the school fully functional. We appeal to all parents to meet these obligations. The following fees have been approved by parents at the Annual General Meeting at the end of 2024:

 School fees: R13 000 per year (R1 300 per month, payable over 10 months).
 Important: - Parents get 10% discount if the full amount is paid by **31 March**.
 - Outstanding accounts of more than 90 days will be handed over to our debt collectors.

 Hostel fees: R13 500 per year (R1 350 per month payable over 10 months).
 Important: - Parents get 10% discount if the full amount is settled by **31 March**.
4. **EXEMPTION OF SCHOOL FEES:**
According to the SA Schools Act, certain income groups qualify for full or partial exemption. Qualifying parents must submit a new application every year **before the end of March**. Application forms are available at the finance office (Mrs. Antoinette van Heerden).
5. **FOOD PARCELS FOR NEEDY FAMILIES:** The school has a feeding scheme for learners from needy and less privileged homes and provide daily meals to a large number of these learners. We also provide food parcels to a number of families, especially during school holidays. We depend on donations for these projects. Any donation of non-perishable food products will be appreciated. Donations from businesses are also welcome. Please contact the school if you can assist.
6. **SCHOOL UNIFORMS:** We appeal to parents to send your child's old school uniform to the school. It will be issued to a less privileged child. Contact your child's register teacher in this regard. Uniforms for junior learners are sold at the school in the mornings 07:00 – 08:30. Contact Reception for more info.
7. **CONTACT DETAILS:** Please inform the school when your cell phone number, email, or physical address changes. If you do not receive a bulk SMS from time to time, we do not have your correct info on the system.
8. **ID DOCUMENTS:**
Please apply for your child's ID document as soon as he/she turns 16. It is often a lengthy process, and no learner can be registered for Gr 12 without an ID document.
9. **ACADEMIC MATTERS:**
Please ensure that your child starts working/doing homework from day one. The academic pace is fast and learners who fall behind get discouraged and find it hard to catch up.
10. **IMPORTANT DATES:** Please take note of the following important dates for this term:

 2025/01/14: GR 4 and Gr 7 parent's day
 2025/01/15: Gr 1 Parent's Day
 Matric results (2024) available at school
 2025/01/17: Gr 12 Parent's Day
 2025/01/23: SGB Meeting
 2025/01/24: Interhouse athletics
 2025/01/25: Gr 12 extra classes
 2025/01/29: Revue practice Gr 7-12 (14:00-16:30)

2025/02/01: Gr 12 extra classes
2025/02/04: Athletics (non-disabled) Hugenote
2025/02/05: Revue practice Gr 7-12 (14:00-16:30)
2025/02/08: Gr 12 extra classes
2025/02/12: Revue practice Gr 7-12 (14:00-16:30)
2025/02/13: Valentine's Dance
2025/02/15: Gr 12 Extra classes
2025/02/18: Athletics (non-disabled) Hugenote
2025/02/19: Revue practice Gr 7-12 (14:00-16:30)
2025/02/22: Gr 12 Extra classes
2025/02/26: Revue practice Gr 7-12 (14:00-16:30)
2025/03/01: Gr 12 Extra classes
2025/03/03: Gr 4 Camp (3-5 March)
2025/03/05: Revue practice Gr 7-12 (14:00-16:30)
2025/03/06: Interschool Athletics – Germiston
2025/03/08: Gr 12 Extra classes
2025/03/11: Athletics (non-disabled) – Boksburg
2025/03/12: Revue practice Gr 7-12 (14:00-16:30)
2025/03/13: PARENT'S DAY (ALL GRADES) 14:15 – 18:00
2025/03/15: Gr 12 Extra classes
2025/03/19: Revue practice Gr 7-12 (14:00-16:30)
2025/03/22: Gr 12 Extra classes
2025/03/26: Revue practice Gr 7-12 (14:00-16:30)
2025/03/27: Toyota National Championships for the Physically Disabled – Port Elizabeth
2025/03/28: Schools close

Kind regards



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