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The SACS Early Childhood Development Centre (ECD Centre)

FUNDING PROPOSAL



Building the most impactful school for South Africa, together.



Ex. heritage cottage to be carefully restored for use as an administrative center

New building to house three Grade N classrooms

Introduction

This document is intended to invite you to join SACS Junior School and the SACS Endowment Trust as we develop a new Early Childhood Development Centre (ECD Centre) which will fully complement and complete our current Preschool offering.

The proposed ECD Centre will change the landscape for learning at SACS, accommodating 60 boys across three fully equipped classrooms in a brand-new Grade N facility.

In celebrating SACS turning 200 years old in 2029, we invite you to join us as we continue to strengthen our educational offering and further realise our vision of being the most impactful school for South Africa.

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New pedestrian arrival courtyard

The power of Early Childhood Development (ECD)



Identifying the need for the new SACS ECD Centre

The new SACS ECD Centre has been identified as a catalyst project in the ongoing journey of diversity and transformation of the SACS schools. This project aims to provide opportunities for SACS to further impact and nurture the development of the formative years of its learners across a diverse group of boys.

The ECD centre will enable SACS to expand their offering into a Grade N year. The introduction of Grade N will allow for earlier assessment and interventions to ensure the boys' academic, social and emotional needs are being met.

Through the introduction of the new ECD Centre we want to continue to broaden our racial and cultural demographic, attracting boys who might otherwise not have had the opportunity, to attend SACS from a much earlier age. Our goal with the Grade N admissions process is to offer 50% of the places available to boys of colour.

Rondebosch Boys Prep School, Bishops Prep School and Western Province Prep School all offer Grade N.

SACS needs to do the same, thereby matching our intake with our competitors and attracting more families of colour to SACS.

“Healthy development in the early years provides the building blocks for educational achievement, economic productivity, responsible citizenship, lifelong health, strong communities, and successful parenting of the next generation.”

Harvard University Centre on the Developing Child.

ECD makes up the foundation years upon which all future school-based learning is built. Early intervention has been identified as crucial in the development of our learners and quality ECD is globally recognized as the most impactful investment in human capital that a country can make. SACS would like to make this investment in its boys. Our aim is to create an environment that is focused on early language development, as well as on social and emotional maturation through play and experiential learning in line with the latest global trends in ECD education.

2024 PROPOSED GRADE N REQUIREMENTS

Proposed number of boys Grade N

60



Proposed number of Staff Grade N

6

2023 GRADE R FACTS

Number of boys in Grade R Preschool

104



Number of current staff in Preschool

8

Number of boys supported by the SACS Junior Opportunity Fund

29



The Project Plan and Budget

In designing and planning this project, we have taken careful steps to preserve the heritage of the SACS campus. We have done this by working closely with Urban Concepts; a Cape Town-based urban design and architectural practice, who have assisted us on an overall campus development project which includes the ECD Centre.

The De Villiers House precinct was identified as the ideal location for the ECD Centre due to its close proximity to the current Grade R and aftercare facilities, as well as the ease of flow of parking and drop-off, which is a regular challenge experienced around the campus.

The incorporation of the two existing structures into the project is an appealing prospect to the project team. The original storage shed from the Ohlsson Brewery (circa 1900s) will be refurbished and restored to serve as a reception and meeting area for the ECD Centre. Adjacent to the new build is Henshilwood House, which has significant heritage status. The new classrooms will be deliberately designed to complement the heritage status of the existing site, whilst bringing a modern and fresh feel to the space. The removal of existing garage facilities will further improve the forecourt of what is an amazing part of the SACS campus.

The abundance of space in front of the new classrooms, which will be shared with the Grade R classes, will also ensure better use of the space available in the De Villiers House precinct. The three new classrooms will stand alone and provide all facilities required for the Grade N boys including ablutions, play areas and storage. Multi-purpose ablution facilities will also create further opportunity to use the De Villiers House Arboretum as a whole-school functions venue, complete with the most incredible vista and services area.

Urban Concepts will walk side-by-side with SACS until



this project is fully operational. These plans have already been submitted to the Western Cape Education Department and the City of Cape Town (Heritage) for approval and we will shortly begin the tender process, with the hope that building will commence mid-2023.

It is our hope that we can welcome the first intake of boys in January 2024.

The cost for this new facility is R10 million, and this includes all building and professional fees, furniture, fittings and learning resources; as well as landscaping and play facilities.





A GRADE N PRECINCT

8 Anchor Landmark Tree & prospective GR N Precinct



Our ask

SACS Junior School SGB has already contributed R5 million funding towards this building project.

This means that we still require additional funding of R5 million in order to make this dream a reality.

We are therefore asking you, our SACS community, for your help!

All donations to this project will be channelled through the SACS Endowment Trust and naming rights for a significant single donor will be considered.

We will also acknowledge all donations in a fitting way upon completion of the project. Section 18A certificates are available for all donations received.

“This new initiative will enable SACS to truly impact and intervene in the early years of our boys’ lives while also improving on and expanding on our diversity initiatives. All donations to the new ECD centre will enable us to build this incredible new centre, while also bringing in increased school fees revenue in the future, due to the addition of the new Grade N offering. We will also be able to increase our team by six staff members and ultimately grow the SACS family.”

Mr Gary Skeeles, the Headmaster of SACS Junior School.





All about SACS Junior School

SACS Junior School has a proud history of providing its boys with a dynamic all-round education that serves as an excellent platform for future success at high school.

Since 1829, every boy who has passed through our gates has been afforded the opportunity to grow and excel within a warm, nurturing environment. SACS aims to challenge students to develop the best version of themselves, for themselves, and for others. We are committed to sustaining a strong culture of learning within a values-based boys' schooling ethos. We aspire to foster knowledge and goodness.

SACS is a centre of excellence, promoting critical thinking and social responsibility. SACS is committed to nurturing a diverse, inclusive community that encourages students to respect, inspire and learn from one another. The school spirit at SACS is strong.

We are a school with a passionate, active community of learners, teachers, parents, alumni and SACS friends – a community that we call The S.A.C. (SACS Alumni and Community).

The school also boasts a staff of highly competent, committed and approachable teachers who have each boy's welfare at heart. Our wide range of excellent resources include a modern multi-media library and innovation centre, specialised remedial and enrichment departments and a full-time counsellor and psychologist, as well as onsite Occupational Therapists, all of which complement the proficiency of the teaching staff.

The academic growth and emotional development of our boys serves as our primary focus. Stimulating independent thinking, collaborative enquiry and intellectual curiosity amongst the boys forms part of a full curriculum that is also designed to foster service. A healthy balance between the four pillars of Social, Academic, Culture and Sport is a crucial part of our philosophy of raising well-rounded young gentlemen who can find and foster their passion in a range of opportunities.

SACS is an active campaigner for environmental issues and encourages global citizenship. An extraordinary range of facilities and picturesque grounds provide an encouraging and supportive environment in which the boys can flourish.

832
BOYS
+
100
TEACHING AND
SUPPORT STAFF
MEMBERS

Headmaster's vision

The ECD Centre is being spearheaded by Mr Gary Skeeles, the Headmaster of SACS Junior School, and endorsed by the School Governing Body.

Mr Skeeles is passionate about raising gentlemen who will be the future custodians of their communities. He believes that the four pillars upon which SACS is built - Social, Academic, Cultural and Sport – provides the opportunity to develop well-rounded and balanced young men with strong values, who will make their families, friends, school and community proud.

Producing young gentlemen who, through their thoughts and actions, thrive in a transformed environment of excellence, is our goal.

We aim to enable these young gentlemen to flourish at high school and beyond, to lead a responsible and fulfilling life and to make a lasting meaningful contribution to South Africa.

“My goal is to create a brotherhood for all SACS boys, a place they feel cared for and a part of. SACS is a home where every day, we build our unique SACS pride, together. The ECD Centre will complete our SACS home. I invite you to join our ‘pride’ and help us to continue to build our legacy.”

Mr Gary Skeeles, the Headmaster of SACS Junior School.





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The SACS Endowment Trust

The SACS Endowment Trust was established in 2021 as an independent and professional entity that can efficiently receive donations, thereby ensuring the long-term financial sustainability and continued development of SACS.

The Trust has independent trustees, expert administrators and representation from both the High School and Junior School's governing bodies. The Trust works closely with the Headmasters of SACS Junior and SACS High for the promotion and furtherance of each school's objectives and for the continued development of the SACS campus. It is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) set out in terms of Section 30 of the South African Income Tax Act. In addition, donations made to the Trust are tax deductible as per Section 18A of the Act. The Endowment Trust is also working hard to create efficient channels to receive contributions from donors outside of South Africa.

Across both schools, 68% of the SACS' staff are employed by each school's governing body, with just 32% of teachers and support staff paid for by the WCED.

The current educational, economic and political environment in South Africa is challenging. The pressure on all schools is exceptional. There is an expectation from all stakeholders to maintain world-class standards – of teaching, academic and sporting results, facilities and infrastructure. At the same time, there is very little financial support given from the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) to maintain these high standards of education, and as a result, SACS is funded almost exclusively by school fees. Across both schools, 68% of the SACS' staff are employed by each school's governing body, with just 32% of teachers and support staff paid for by the WCED.

In starting to plan for our 200-year anniversary in 2029, the Endowment Trust will honour the schools' legacy and heritage by creating a sustainable funding platform for the ongoing development of SACS so that the schools remain impactful regardless of continued funding pressure. A strong endowment will ensure that high standards can be maintained and improved, keeping SACS competitive and providing an ongoing example of what is possible in education in South Africa.

With the generous help of parents and old boys, the Endowment Trust has already raised R9 million of which R3,5 million has been earmarked for projects and invested into SACS' development. These projects have included the replacement of the De Villiers House roof and a green energy, solar solution which provides power across most of both of the schools. With the current energy crisis, this has been a game changer for school life.

We acknowledge the extremely generous contributions from the Hugo-Hamman Family and the Metta Foundation with this initial fundraising effort.

The ECD Centre has been approved by the trustees of the SACS Endowment Trust as the next priority project. Please support us as we embark on this initiative.



Instilling a strong values base in the boys from Grade N gives us the best opportunity to foster respectful, successful and impactful SACS gentlemen who, it is hoped, will play a significant role in shaping the future of SACS and, in turn, South Africa. Creating the SACS ECD Centre will complete the SACS Campus allowing the schools to provide a full educational offering from Grade N to Grade 12.

SACS Junior School and the SACS Endowment Trust invites you to journey with us towards our 200th year.

We welcome and thank you for your support and contribution to this priority project; the new SACS ECD Centre. With your help, we can build the most impactful school for South Africa, together.

SACS Endowment Trust Trustees: Andrew Finlayson ('91) (Chairman), Kelly Chibale, Refqah Ho-Yee, Raaghib Najjaar, Nic Mislion ('97), Andrew Breetzke and Philip Thompson ('82). Patrons: Chris Hugo-Hamman ('73), Peter Bauer ('91), Trevor Norwitz ('82) and Les Rose-Innes ('75).



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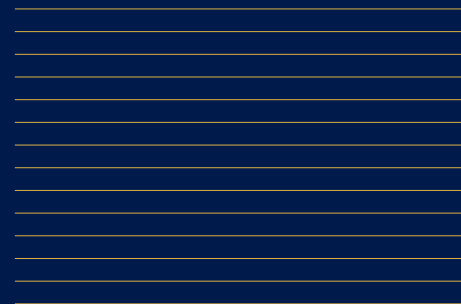
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