



Programme

27 April 2022 - 2 May 2022



Welcome

Friends of Hilton College

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the formation of the institution we are all so proud to have been associated with, in one way or another. To celebrate this incredible milestone, we have planned five days of events and activities towards the end of April 2022, detailed in this programme. We encourage you to participate, to the fullest extent, not only in order to visit our magnificent campus, for those who have been absent for a while, but primarily to renew and rekindle those friendships and bonds formed during your association with our college – relationships which are unique to a boarding establishment of our nature.

It will without doubt be a week filled with fun, friendship and memories built around, amongst other events, gala dinners, drama presentations, a thanksgiving chapel service and a full day of sporting fixtures against our traditional rivals and close friends Michaelhouse.

On behalf of the Chairman of the Board and the Headmaster, I would like to welcome you to our week of celebration. I would also like to encourage you to participate in and support enthusiastically and generously everything associated with this memorable year and to augment and strengthen those friendships and associations that have been made possible by your time spent at and with Hilton College.

Paul Rayner

Chairman: Hilton College 150th committee





A history of our school

The illustrious 150-year history of Hilton College comes alive in the stories of our people, their accomplishments and the generosity that is at the heart of the school.



Gould Arthur Lucas



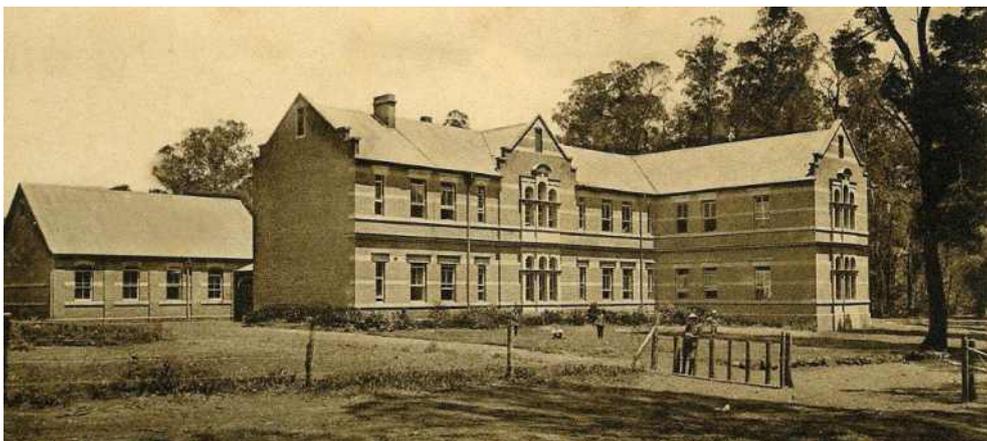
William Orde Newnham

Hilton owes its existence to the meeting of two individuals: Gould Arthur Lucas and William Orde Newnham, who both arrived in South Africa in 1852, though in very different circumstances.

Anglo-Irish Lucas was a young officer on HMS Birkenhead which sank off Danger Point near Cape Agulhas. Among the few soldier survivors, he was posted as district adjutant to Pietermaritzburg where he met the man with whom, decades later, he would found Hilton.

Newnham, an ordained priest, studied mathematics at St John's College, Cambridge under William John Colenso, later Bishop of Natal, who later encouraged him to settle in the colony and start a school.

After his deployment to Pietermaritzburg, Lucas was sent to India, but not before he had noted the beautiful countryside north of the colony's capital. On returning to Natal, he took up the post of magistrate in Ladysmith and helped Newnham establish a school





there, but soon relocated it to land he had purchased outside Pietermaritzburg. And so, on 29 January 1872, Hilton College was born.

At first it was little more than two thatched bungalows but soon a double-storey block was built. From this modest nucleus today's Hilton grew, with buildings being constructed, playing fields levelled and avenues planted. Initially the school was leased from Lucas, but later was bought by Newnham's successor, Henry Vaughan Ellis, until in 1903 it passed into the hands of the old boys, where it remains.

In another distinguishing feature, Hilton is inter-denominational, with the headmaster conducting daily prayers and visiting priests officiating on Sundays before a resident chaplain was appointed in 1982.

Standing in stark contrast to the school's white buildings is the stone chapel, while prominent among its Cape Dutch-style architecture are the Campbell Block, Crookes Block and Saunders Sanatorium, each donated by a family which had prospered from sugar.



The Chapel



Crookes Block

As all the boys are boarders, seven separate boarding houses are today arranged along the school's circular drive.

Surrounding this hub is the estate. One-thousand-seven-hundred hectares of timber plantations and acacia-scattered grasslands, fringed by cliffs and cut by streams, it is now largely a proclaimed nature reserve, stocked with giraffe, zebra, wildebeest, warthog and a variety of antelope.





Yet more than by its appearance and locality, an institution is defined by its people. Newnham declared at his first speech day that his greatest wish was that a “Hilton boy” should become synonymous with “gentleman”, denoting someone honest, upright and true as steel. And down the corridor of time his successors – from Ellis to George Harris today – have sought to sanctify this ideal.

Across society, Old Hiltonians have made their mark. Architect and activist Rusty Bernstein played a pivotal role in drafting the Freedom Charter, the blueprint for South Africa's lauded Constitution. And when South Africa's first Constitutional Court was instituted, chosen to head it was Arthur Chaskalson, who decades earlier had defended Nelson Mandela in the Rivonia Trial, with another Old Hiltonian, John Didcott, among his legal team. Other notable alumni include cardiac surgeon Sir Terence English, trauma surgeon Ken Boffard, academic and novelist Imraan Coovadia, architect Glen Gallagher, cricketers Mike Procter and Lungi Ngidi, and Springbok rugby captains Gary Teichmann and Bob Skinstad.

When Hilton turned 100 in 1972, headmaster Raymond Slater defined his ideal Hilton boy as someone not necessarily academic or sporting, but who has compassion, humility, sensitivity, imagination and a concern for others. As Hilton celebrates its 150th birthday, Harris echoes these sentiments, while reiterating that “of those to whom much is given, much will be required”.

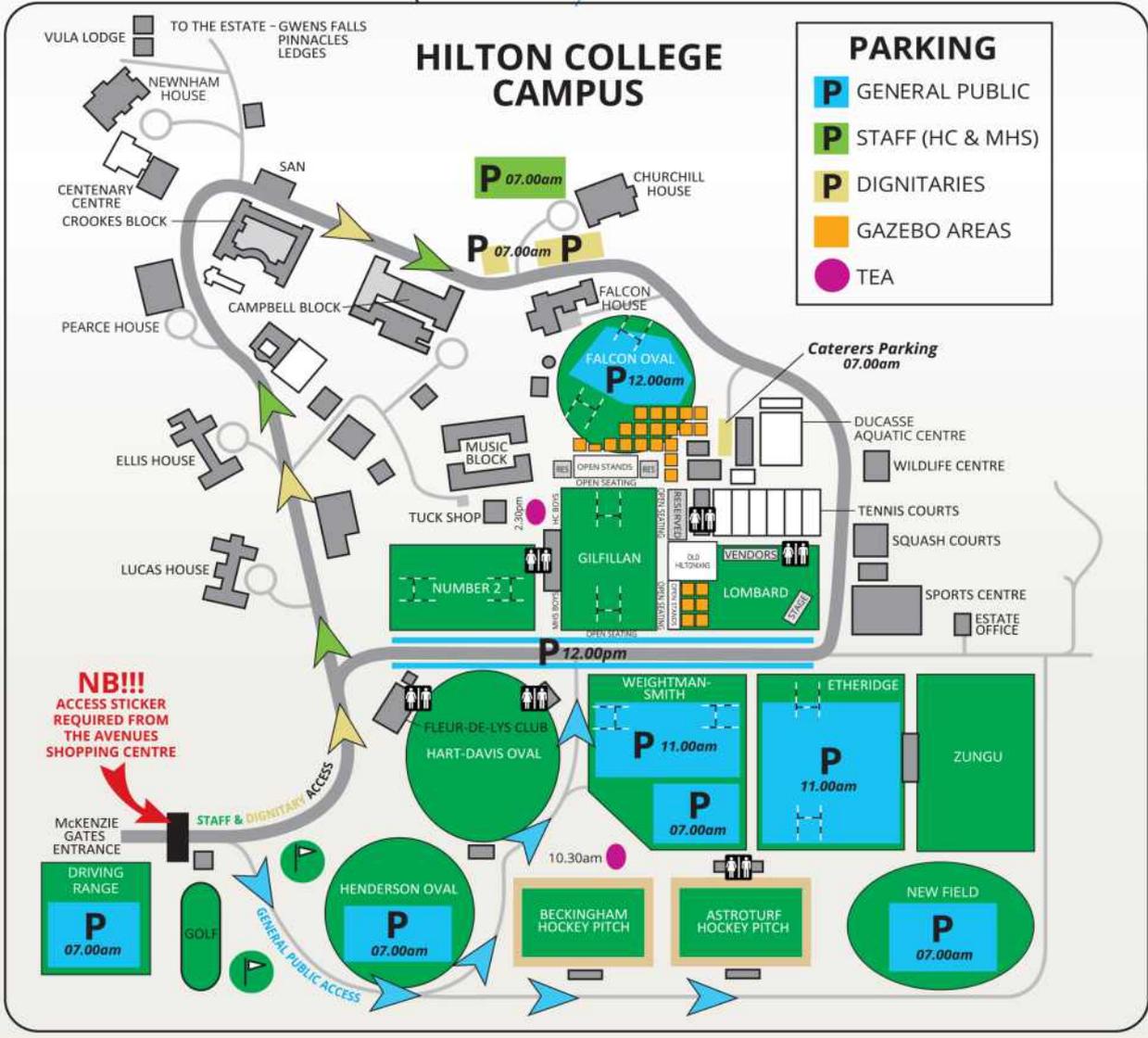
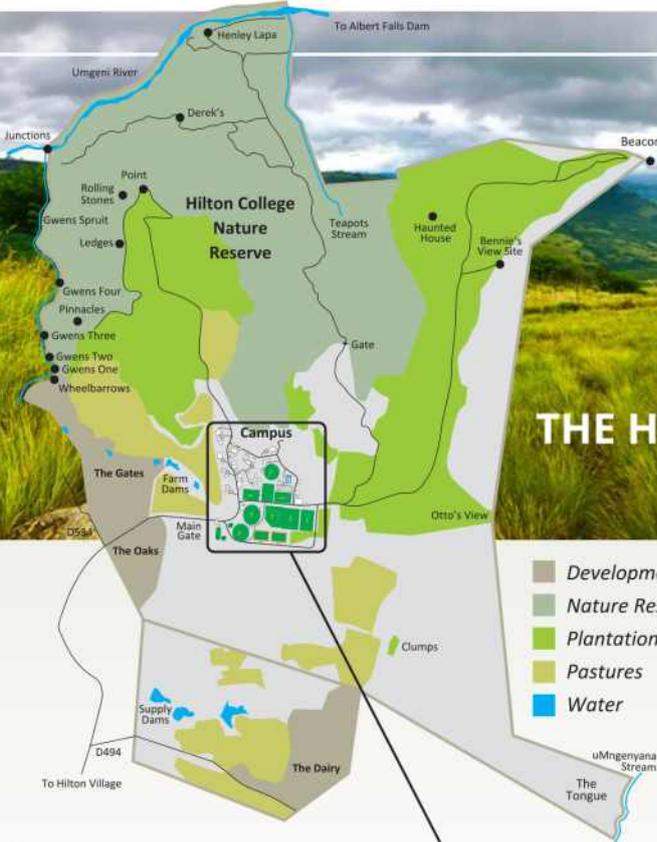
With privilege comes responsibility, and Hilton boys are taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive. These values are modelled by alumni who fund the education of promising boys who would otherwise not be able to afford the school's fees, and the Vula Programme, which since 2001 has been up-skilling teachers from under-resourced schools.

William Newnham's founding values live on.





THE HILTON COLLEGE ESTATE





Wednesday 27 April

09:00 - 11:45

Free guided walking tour of the campus, with four stops covering:

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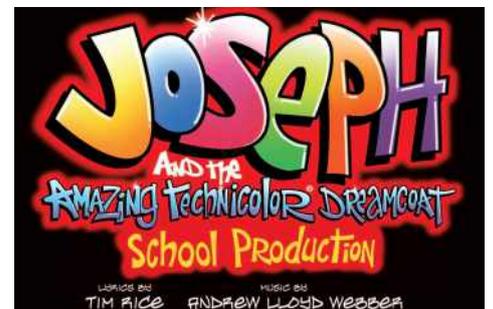


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15:00

Vula's 21st birthday and the opening of Vula 2, outside the Vula Lodge

(by invitation only)

17:30

Gala dinner: Indoor Sports Centre

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Friday 29 April

08:30

Benefactor's Breakfast (*by invitation only*)

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Hockey

5th XI	15:00	Water Based Astro turf
U16F XI	15:00	Beckingham Astro turf
U16E XI	16:00	Beckingham Astro turf

Please note:

- No standing in front of spectators in the stands. Deckchairs and seating on picnic blankets only. No umbrellas.
- Seats on the grandstands cannot be reserved. Strictly first come, first served.
- There will be reserved seating in the Gilfillan pavilion (on the new Music Centre side) for Old Hiltonians and Michaelhouse old boys who matriculated in 1959 and before (those aged 80 years and older).





Saturday 30 April

SPORTS FIXTURES

Covid regulations are still in place, affecting the number of spectators we can host.

Booking for Saturday sports fixtures is essential. NO tickets will be sold at the gate.

1. Buy your ticket using this link: <https://www.howler.co.za/events/hilton-v-michaelhouse-150th-celebration-sports-day-2e74>
2. Collect your ticket (which is a sticker) at our pop-up shop at The Avenues Shopping Centre in Hilton.
3. Display your sticker on the windscreen of your vehicle. **No sticker, no access to Hilton College on Saturday.**
4. Tickets cost R250 per vehicle (not per person), giving you and your passengers access to the Saturday sporting fixtures, complimentary morning and afternoon tea and coffee, and access to Saturday evening's Festival of Friends, which includes live entertainment.

Our store at The Avenues Shopping Centre is open on the following days and at the following times:

- Thursday 28 April: Between 12:00 and 17:00
- Friday 29 April: Between 08:00 and 17:00
- Saturday 30 April: Between 06:30 and 16:00

Please take note that the person collecting tickets must produce proof of Covid vaccination.

Private catering

You need a permit for your private caterer to be granted access to the school. To apply, please email the name of the catering company, the number of people being catered for, and the name and number of your caterer to reception@hiltoncollege.com by 14 April.

Gazebo area

Limited space will be reserved next to Gilfillan field for parents of boys playing sport, benefactors and dignitaries. To accommodate the maximum number of spectators (Covid regulations permitting), all other gazebos will need to be erected away from Gilfillan field in the dedicated area behind the grandstands. One gazebo per site. No exceptions. You may not erect your gazebo before 1pm on Friday.

No pedestrians will be allowed through the gate. No pedestrians will be allowed through the gate. For individuals who don't want to drive and were planning to be dropped at the gate, please use our shuttle bus which will ferry visitors from the Quarry Shopping Centre carpark (Woolworths side), ANEW Hilton Hotel (outside reception) and outside Grace College entrance from 8am to 10:30pm, every half hour. The cost to use the bus is R50 (cash payment to driver) one way.



Saturday 30 April

Rugby

1st XV	15:00	Gilfillan
2nd XV	13:40	Gilfillan
U16A XV	12:30	Gilfillan
3rd XV	10:00	Gilfillan
4th XV	09:00	Gilfillan
5th XV	08:00	Gilfillan
6th XV	09:00	Weightman-Smith
7th XV	08:00	Weightman-Smith
8th XV	10:00	Weightman-Smith
U16B XV	10:00	No. 2
U16C XV	09:00	No. 2
U16D XV	08:00	No. 2
U15A XV	10:00	Etheridge
U15B XV	09:00	Etheridge
U15C XV	08:00	Etheridge
U15D XV	11:00	No.2
U14A XV	09:00	Falcon
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Sunday 1 May

09:00

Thanksgiving service in the chapel

10:00

Estate day: Picnic at designated spots all over the estate: Henley Lapa and picnic area, Beacons and The Point.

The Hilton Quarry SuperSpar is the perfect place to stock up on picnic basket essentials – for both Saturday’s sporting fixtures and Sunday’s Estate Day.

While you’re at it, grab a case or two of the signature Hilton College 150th wine and bubbles from the Quarry Tops next door to the SuperSpar!

Our 150th wine is being sold at the Fleur-de-Lys during the celebratory week (25-30 April). Reunion groups are encouraged to pop in and buy these by the case.

10:00 - 17:00

Polo Day at Karkloof Polo Club. R100 per car.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS	
10:00	Gates open
11:00 - 12:00	St Annes DSG vs The Wykeham Collegiate - School Girls
12:00 - 13:00	Hilton College vs Michaelhouse - School Boys
13:00 - 14:00	Maritzburg College Old Boys vs Weston College Old Boys
14:00	Hilton College Old Boys vs Michaelhouse Old Boys
16:00	Prize Giving

Monday 2 May

7:30 - 8:00

Hilton boys return from leave.

A special thanks to Hilton Quarry SuperSpar for painting the Quarry shopping centre in Black & White.





THE DAIRY

AT HILTON

From the developer of The Gates comes The Dairy at Hilton, a secure residential development consisting of 78 homes set on 66ha along the southern boundary of the Hilton College Estate, and fully located within the extended boundaries of the Hilton College Nature Reserve.

The developer, Gwens Stream Estates (Pty) Ltd, is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Hilton College Endowment Foundation. Its mandate is to increase Hilton College's endowment by converting some of the value embedded in the Hilton College Estate into valuable residential property. The funds realized will build the school's endowment and assist materially in the provision of bursaries to promising boys.

For more information, please contact Gwens Stream Estates (Pty) Ltd on:

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