

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: FRIDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017

In 2008 Bishops moved from a prefect system of student leadership to one which involves all the grade 12 boys in the College operating within portfolios.

The College still has a Head Boy and each House has a Head of House. The latter are encouraged to act as captains of their team of matric leaders within the House and College.

What we believe about leaders and leadership:

1. All individuals have some leadership potential.
2. Certain personality traits predispose some individuals to assuming leadership positions. All people are not equally gifted.
3. Specific knowledge, experience and expertise allow some individuals to emerge as leaders in specific situations; equally, in different situations different individuals may come to the fore as leaders.
4. Leadership skills can be learnt and developed and therefore all individuals can demonstrate more effective leadership with training, experience, coaching and personal reflection.
5. Leadership involves both inspiring followers (influencing others) and achieving a task (accomplishing a goal).
6. Leadership involves mentoring and being mentored.
7. Leadership involves service.
8. Leadership should be exercised in a way which is consistent with the values which Bishops holds dear. Indeed leaders are custodians of these values.

Twice a year the matric boys go through an appraisal process which is used both to consider how they are doing and encourage and guide them. After the second of these the House staff decide upon leadership awards against certain criteria. Merit certificates have been awarded in houses but today we recognise those who have met the criteria for a distinction award:

Rayhaan Ahmed, Luca Powell, Azariah Alexander, Brandon Burke, Felix Burt, Michael Burton, Mac Cheminai, Gunter Cloete, Reece Corbett, Tim Dendy-Young, Jamie Diggle, Nicholas Featherstone, Arthur Fisher, Ryan Good, Ross Goodwin, Giuseppe Guerandi, Luca Guerrini, Andrew Hodgson, James Ipsier, Angus Kennedy-Smith, Finley Knight, Kwangbem Ko, Samuel Kuhn, Robert MacDonald, Nathan Maimba, Sanele Mayosi, Shane Milson, Aiden Neil, Benjamin Nel, Bulelani Nqgukuvana, Joshua Passmore, Stephane Pienaar, Christian Rohrer, Ivan Stassen, Jean-Andre Stroud, Nikolaos Tapanlis, Ross Tucker, Mitesh Valodia, Richard Wellington, Jody Willams and Lloyd Wood.

STEPHANE PIENAAR

Today we also celebrate the incredible achievement of Stephane Pienaar who broke the world record by rowing 267,001 km in 24 hours. He completed this monumental feat to raise money for the MAD (Make a Dream Foundation) to fund a disadvantaged child through school. My thanks and congratulations to all those who supported Stephane through the challenge, his family, friends, staff and Bishops parents. In recognition of this incredible feat we award Stephane a special Certificate of Outstanding Achievement.