



St Dominics Newcastle

Friends of St Dominics

The Past Pupil Association (PPA) is being redefined as an association which anyone who has had an association with St Dominics Newcastle is able to join, whether it be as a past learner, parent, teacher or friend, and will henceforth be known as **Friends of St Dominics**.

In an association such as this, new blood is always welcome and we would like to urge past learners and friends alike who would like to involve themselves with the association to contact Sally Louw at St Dominics Newcastle either on 034 412 8326, or at sally.l@curro.co.za. Alternatively, contact the chairperson Vicky van der Merwe, via email at vicky@medvic.co.za.

St Dominics Newcastle also has a page on www.sareunited.com.

Recent developments

Our school's numbers have climbed slowly over the years, but there is a strong feeling among those who hold St Doms close to their heart that there is a need to attract greater numbers of learners. This will have a ripple effect throughout the school, as it will allow us to develop more and better facilities – both for academics and for extramural activities. Many of the school's buildings date back to the early part of the last century and are constantly in need of repair and renovation. These could be restored to their former glory if additional funds were sourced from greater numbers of learners. With these thoughts in mind the marketing subcommittee of the board of governors has embarked on an aggressive marketing campaign. There are also planned visits to schools, marketing forays into neighbouring towns, as well as mass mailings to potential learners wishing to enter school in Grade 1 or Grade 8. It is the hope that past learners can also play a role in this regard, as they can publicise the benefits of sending children to their alma mater!

Message from the Executive Head

I believe Friend of St Dominics should play a very prominent role in both the management of a school and in raising funds for the school. State involvement or subsidies in our school do not exist anymore. It is therefore of paramount importance that the Friends of St Dominics becomes a strong and meaningful body that is able to offer its services to the school and to contribute to the school financially.

I therefore encourage past learners, past parents and anyone who wishes to become part of this wonderful school to sign up as a friend of St Dominics.

You will receive regular letters and invitations to school events, and there will be an annual gathering of past learners where old acquaintances can be renewed.

Kind regards

John Douthwaite

