



# RUSTENBURG GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **SCHOOL FEES FOR 2023**

The budget for 2023 was presented by the Chairperson and Treasurer of the School Governing Body (SGB) to a meeting of parents/guardians on Tuesday, 1 November 2022. Approval for the 2023 budget and school fees was obtained from those parents present at the meeting.

Over and above the payment of the salaries of twenty-five educators (this includes the Principal and the Deputies), and five non-educator posts, the support from the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) will be set at approximately R245 939 for 2023, equating to just over R24 per learner per month. This amount represents less than 1% of the school's costs and as a result we have to rely on the parents to meet the remaining expenses.

In order to provide a school of excellence for your daughters, the school employs an additional thirty-three full time educators and thirteen part-time educators, and thirty-seven support staff (including admin staff, cleaners and ground staff). These salaries are paid from school fees and make up the bulk of the budget.

## **RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PARENTS AT THE BUDGET MEETING**

1. Rustenburg Girls' High School (RGHS) will remain a fee-paying school.
2. The 2023 Budgets for RGHS and Erinville Hostel as presented be adopted.
3. The fees for 2023 to be set as follows:
  - Rustenburg Girls' High School
    - R62,847 per annum for Grade 8 (includes R3,500 iPad placement cost)
    - R59,180 per annum for Grade 9
    - R58,680 per annum for Grade 10
    - R56,680 per annum for Grade 11
    - R56,480 per annum for Grade 12
  - Erinville Hostel
    - R68,911 per annum for boarders
4. The School Governing Body be authorised to make payments to state-employed members of staff in accordance with Section 38A of the SA Schools Act. The SGB have budgeted for payments of this nature totaling R3,312,068.74 split as follows: R3,245,105.90 (RGHS) and R66,962.84 (Erinville).
5. A voluntary contribution of R2,500 or any other amount per annum per family be adopted. Should a parent opt out after January 2023, then the amount reimbursed will be prorated.
6. School fees are payable in advance and are due on the first day of the school year. In order to reduce the financial burden on parents, RGHS be prepared to accept payment on a monthly basis over 11 months (January to November) strictly by debit order, with this in no way affecting the fact that the payment of school fees is a statutory duty, not a voluntary agreement and particularly not a credit agreement as defined in terms of the National Credit Act No. 34 of 2005.

7. All monies received by RGHS will first be allocated against previously arrear school fees and outstanding fees will be collected in strict accordance with Section 41 of SASA.
8. The equitable criteria for the total, partial and conditional exemption of parents who have proven themselves to be financially unable to pay the full school fees, as set out in the SA Schools Act, be adopted. Written proof of such inability must be provided, and RGHS will be fully entitled to verify all such information supplied via applications for admission and / or fee exemption. In the event of fraudulent submissions, or if at any time it appears that such inability was unfounded, RGHS will be entitled to amend its decision, whereupon the entire amount of the school fees will immediately become due and payable.
9. As per the extracurricular activities list (but not limited to the aforesaid list) available on the RGHS website, certain activities/events will be deemed to be voluntary and not part of the school curriculum and thus not covered by the school fees charged. Additional fees will be charged in order to participate in these activities/events.
10. The School Governing Body to be authorised to invest surplus funds in an investment account at one of the major banks with the approval of the WCED.

### **PAYMENT OF FEES FOR 2023**

1. The pattern of payment of fees reveals that a greater percentage of parents are paying their fees monthly, therefore fees are to be paid **over 11 months strictly via debit order or in advance via EFT**.
2. Those experiencing financial hardship and who meet the criteria as prescribed in the SA Schools Act, are entitled to apply for an exemption, provided an application is made in writing via the Finance Office to the School Governing Body. Please request an application form in the first week of the term and return the said form with all supporting documentation by no later than **31 March 2023**.
3. Academic and all round excellence at RGHS is dependent on the co-operation of all our parents to pay the agreed school fees timeously.
4. With this in mind we wish to state:
  - a. We deeply appreciate the efforts of those who, despite their financial circumstances, pay as much as they are able towards their daughters' education.
  - b. We are grateful to the parents who, despite qualifying for exemption, have prioritized their daughters' education and agreed to pay the full school fees.
  - c. The unfortunate reality is that the budget has to be balanced and any shortfall due to non-payment of fees does end up being absorbed by the rest of the parent body.
  - d. Fee-paying parents are assured that those parents who neglect the timeous settlement of their accounts will be actively pursued and that, when other alternatives have proved ineffective, judgment will be sought against them.

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

We encourage **two payment options** for parents, as follows:

1. **Payment in full on or before 31 December 2022, including** voluntary capital development levy of R2 500 will attract a discount of R2,400:
  - a. R59,447 per annum for Grade 8 (excludes R3,500 iPad placement cost)
  - b. R59,280 per annum for Grade 9
  - c. R58,780 per annum for Grade 10
  - d. R56,780 per annum for Grade 11
  - e. R56,580 per annum for Grade 12
  
2. We are indebted to parents who choose to assist the school by paying their fees in advance as they assist the school in the following ways:
  - a. We are able to manage the challenging first months of the year when cash flow is tight.
  - b. We are able to proceed with capital projects and purchasing educational equipment earlier in the year which results in significant savings in an inflationary climate and allows our learners to enjoy the benefits of the expenditure earlier in the year.
  
3. **Monthly debit orders including** the voluntary development levy of R2 500:
  - a. R5,622.45 per month over 11 months – Grades 8
  - b. R5,607.27 per month over 11 months – Grades 8
  - c. R5,561.82 per month over 11 months – Grade 10
  - d. R5,380.00 per month over 11 months – Grade 11
  - e. R5,361.82 per month over 11 months – Grade 12

Kindly advise the Finance Office ([finance@rghs.org.za](mailto:finance@rghs.org.za)) in writing if you choose to opt out of the voluntary capital development levy, which is ear-marked for capital projects, by **31 January 2023**.

### 4. **Music Fees**

	<b>Termly</b>	<b>Annually</b>
Subject Music	R550	R2,200
Second Instrument	R1,670	R6,680
Extra-curricular	R2,188	R8,752
Percussion levy (once-off)		R239
Instrument Hire	R954	R3,816

5. The debit order system is applicable for the duration of your daughter's stay at RGHS (authorisation form attached). If you are at present using this facility then it is not necessary for you to complete a new form for 2023, but still **complete the Method of Payment form**. *The debit order will automatically be reinstated every year.*

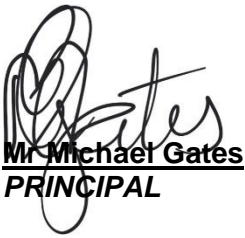
**Please note the following regarding debit orders:**

If the bank rejects any of the debit order deductions, due to there being insufficient funds in your account, you will be liable for any costs the school may incur. It is therefore important and in your own best interests that you ensure that there are sufficient funds in your bank account on the above dates. You will also be liable for costs if you cancel the debit order with the bank, but do not also inform the school timeously.

Please complete the attached Method of Payment and, if applicable, Debit Order authorisation form, and return them to the school office as soon as possible, but not later than **25 November 2022**.

The future of RGHS as a school of excellence depends on the sustained support and cooperation of all our parents. The learners deserve no less.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Michael Gates**  
**PRINCIPAL**



**Mr Mahomed Latiff**  
**CHAIRPERSON – SGB**



**Mrs Bahjah Hashim**  
**TREASURER – SGB**