

# MANAGING DIRECTOR NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Welcome back to Amberfield College. Where we “foster your child’s future”.

For the last 29 years our schools have enabled quality private education, always mindful of ensuring access and affordability. This track record has warranted a prominent role in the private education industry in South Africa, now more than ever.

We have started the year with 1665 learners (an increase of 275 from 2021) and 120 staff members (up from 107 in 2021). A Warm word of welcome to the Amberfield College family.

We are looking forward to a fruitful 2022 and hope, like everyone else around the world, that this will be the year where we will be able to beat this virus and get our lives back to normal.

Our learners and staff are already hard at work with academics, sport and culture. Our first Grade 12 group will be writing their final exams in just over ten months. We wish these learners and their educators all the best.

Let us make this year a year of **gratitude**. Let’s stop and acknowledge that there is always something to be grateful for. Even the darkest cloud has a silver lining. Let us live our **PIPE** values (**P**eople, **I**ntegrity, **P**erseverance and **E**xcellence) in everything that we do.

I recently read an article that stated that the pandemic has caused a lot of frustration and anger in people. The author stated that “...we are starting to see high levels of aggression. People are snapping very quickly... It is very traumatic for everybody. The message is ‘be nice’ because everyone is a bit stressed and we are all suffering from worry burnout.” I would like to add to this by requestion all of our learners, staff and parents to ‘be nice’. Let us resolve our differences and concerns in a humane manner.

As parents, you are our most important partners in this journey, and we look forward to working with you as we continue the journey to build a future for our learners.

*Yours sincerely, Dr B Fourie*  
MANAGING DIRECTOR AMBERFIELD COLLEGE

