

The Rev Dr. J.B. Webb (OM) on the occasion of the school's 50th anniversary in 1955

Potchefstroom College for Boys has made its impact upon the life of this country and beyond its borders. It has provided leadership in many spheres of public life, and it has sent forth thousands of young men whose names will never appear in any scroll of fame, but who did learn how to live and how to maintain the decencies and fidelities without which life is but a shambles.

May the spirit of the school continue to convince succeeding generations that:

"Justorum Semita Lux Splendens"

("The Path of the Just is a Shining Light")



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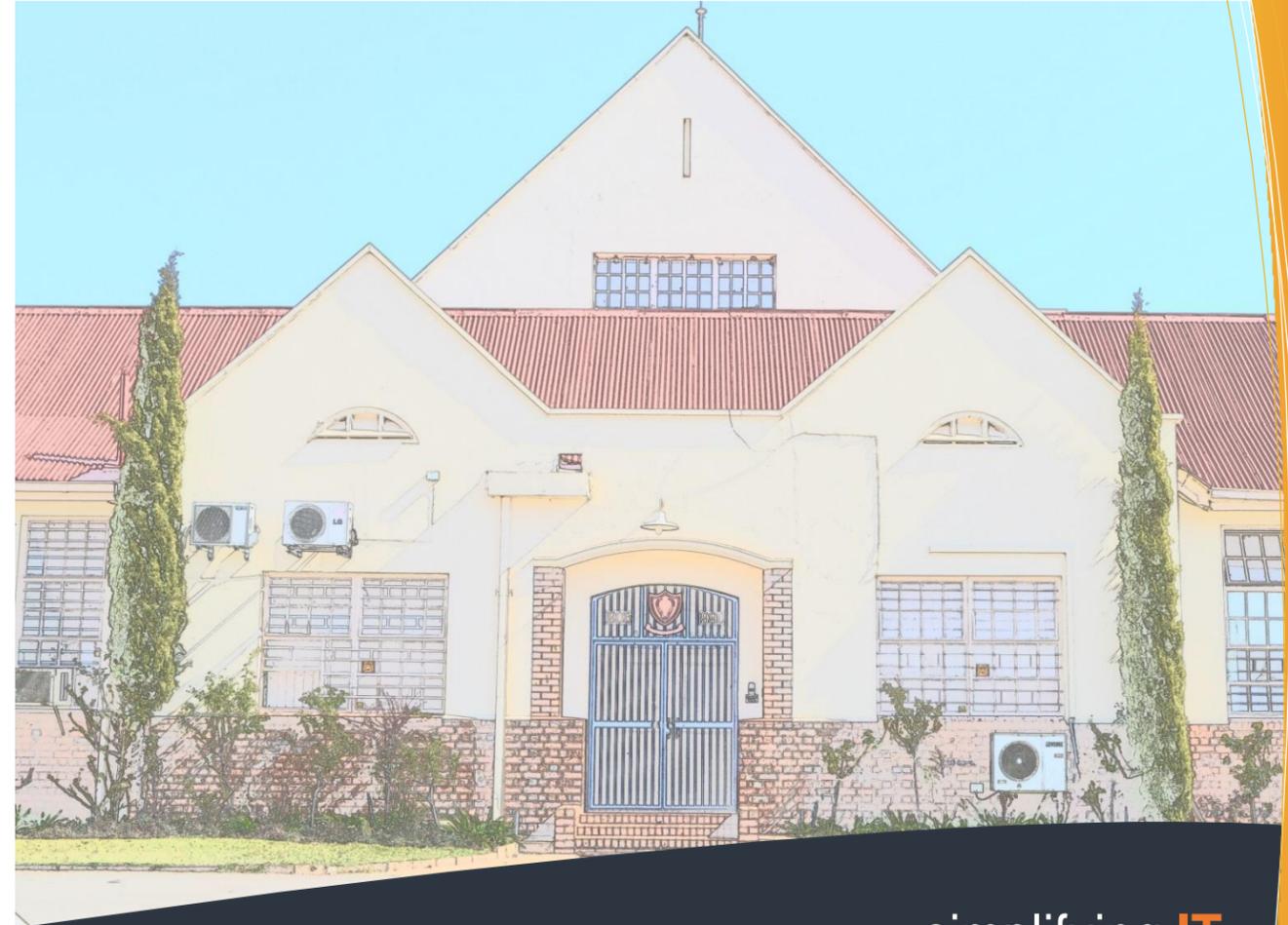
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When Potchefstroom College was opened in 1905, Charles Hope described his intentions as follows:

"College aims to produce well rounded individuals who can take their place in South African society. Men, who are responsible, self-disciplined, independent in their thinking, tolerant and well-mannered".

Introduction:

The challenges facing education today are far greater than many of us had ever imagined. And it is for this very reason that innovative solutions have to be applied, towards ensuring that the quality and standards of a first class education are maintained - not only for the school, but the country as a whole. It will need the input of all of us to make a difference.

Transformation:

Over the years, College has gone through transformation in many ways with the greatest transformation coming in 1992 when College became a truly multiracial school accepting boys from all different races into the College family.

One of those boys who reached their full potential under the guidance and training of the sports department at College was Hezekiel Sepeng, the first black South African athlete to win an Olympic medal (silver medal at the 1996 Atlanta Games men's athletics 800m).

Opportunities like the above example have been something College is very proud of being able to give to boys that may never have reached their full potential had they not had the opportunity to attend College.

Today:

College has been a Model C school since the rainbow nation took shape in the mid 1990's. This has been fantastic from the point of view of having such a diverse group of boys growing together and sharing their personal experiences.

One huge challenge for College though is the financial cost that this all comes with. The maintenance required at a school that has 3 boarding houses amongst all the other beautifully designed school buildings is enormous. Annual funding from government does not even cover one terms electricity costs at the school.

College prides itself in offering a world class education along with learning valuable life skills at a cost affordable to the average South Africa family. This is something we do not want to lose at College and thus require funding through other means.

Old Boys Society:

Nobody understands and has the pride of College more so than boys who have been privileged enough to attend this historical school along with a handful of long serving teachers / house masters. The day to day running of the Old Boys Society is managed by a committee that has a wealth of experience along with the expertise required.

The committee members are all Old Boys who give of their valuable time for one reason: To give back to the school that has provided them each with so much in their lives; from lifelong friendships and memories to all the skills required to be successful in their personal and business lives. The committee operates on the same principles as a business as this is the only way we will achieve and grow financially.



Part of the function of the Old Boys society is to raise funds for the up keep of College and to provide new facilities for the up and coming generations of young South Africans. It is a firm belief of the committee that there has to be a bridging gap between government and private schools if equality is to be realised or only the super wealthy who can afford private education will have all the advantages to succeed in South Africa.

Donations and funding:

Inkazimulo – The Shining Light Trust is the Old Boys' financial arm to raise and manage funding for projects with the sole aim of supporting College. The trustees of the trust are all Old Boys' society committee members who include a chartered accountant and lawyer. All contributions are tax deductible in terms of s18 of the Income Tax Act. The required tax certificates will be issued to all persons and companies that have made contributions.

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Closing:

The Old Boys' committee really encourages anyone who is in a position to assist in this never ending drive to provide for young South Africans to be given equal opportunities to develop their talents wherever they may lie to please contact us.

From Old Boys who apply their trade overseas and want to give something back to their country of birth and school, to individuals / companies that understand the need to provide for future generations of South Africans we encourage them to please take the next step to support our vision for Potchefstroom High School for Boys and to please contact us as we would love to speak to each and every one of you. Another option is to include any donations to the school through your Will as it is never too late to donate.

"Justorum semita (est) lux splendens", Latin for "The path of the just is a shining light" (Proverbs 4:18)

On the formation of the Society, the school noted: "... we should like to congratulate the Old Boys on the formation of a Society and wish them every success and also express the hope that they will prove themselves of great service to the school and when they reach the days of affluence not forget that many things are still needed to bring their old school to a level with larger and richer schools."

- Old Boys' Mission Statement-

"A unique Society, built on tradition, loyalty and pride, that promotes the well being of all Old Mooi's and their families through fellowship and social business interaction."

