

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Nick Vujicic (pronounced as Voy-a-chich) is a man that inspires me. He is a Christian evangelist and motivational speaker, born without arms or legs. He is married and has 4 children and travels extensively inspiring many many people. In his book, Life without Limits, he says, "Often we feel life is unfair. Hard times, tough circumstances can trigger self doubt and despair." He goes on to say, "You have a choice." We can choose to dwell on our challenges and get angry, bitter or despondent or we can choose to look for the opportunities hidden in the midst of our challenges and find a way to become stronger and better adapted to face new challenges.



Welcome to parents, guardians and students to the start of the face to face learning.

1. New Parents' & Students' Meeting & Orientation

The New Parents' & Students' Meeting will be held on Sunday 6th February, 2022 in the College Hall. The program will start promptly at 10.00am. We look forward to meeting you and to welcoming you to Hillcrest. Please find attached a program for the day for your information.

2. Dress Code for the First Day of School

All the Students are expected to be at school on Monday 7th by 7.15am for registration and should be smartly dressed in their Number 1 Uniform. Lessons will start at 7.30am.

3. Afternoon Program/Timetable

College – Afternoon activities will begin on Monday 7th. Students should bring with them a full kit that includes a school tracksuit, penguin shirt, parachute shorts, white sport tackies and a school cap. Students should change into their kit between 1pm and 1.45pm to start their activities at 2pm.

Prep – The Prep Pupils will knock off at 1.00pm on Monday 7th February. Afternoon activities will start on Tuesday 8th February. Please make sure you provide the children with the appropriate afternoon kit starting on Tuesday.

4. Sport for Term 1, 2022

Please be advised that students will be doing both Summer and Winter Sport until further notice and that they will be required to bring with them their hockey sticks, tennis raquets and rugby boots.

5. House T-Shirts

House T-Shirts are available at the School Tuck Shop at US\$10.00 each. Please be advised that all new students will be allocated Houses in the second week of the term. You may, therefore, leave your children (boarders) with enough money to pay for one or two House T-Shirts at the Tuck Shop when they know to which house they belong.

6. Payment of School Fees

The Office will be open on Sunday 6th February between 9.00am and 4.00pm to receive payments. Please be advised that students will not be allowed access into the Hostel or into the Classroom without a valid School Fees Pass.

7. Signing into Hostel

Boarders will be expected into Hostel by 4.30pm to allow for settling in and preparing for the start of school on the next day. I implore parents to travel ahead of time and avoid late travelling.

8. Health Assessment Form

We still live in the midst of Covid-19 and continue to encourage each other to remain safe by practising the prescribed World Health Organisation safety precautions. In line with this, please find attached our Health Assessment Form which your child should complete at the beginning of each week and present to their Tutor as a monitoring mechanism of any possible infections and early detection of symptoms.

9. The Week Ahead

Please find attached the Week Ahead for your information.

I wish all those who will be travelling long distances to Mutare and back a safe journey as well as a good weekend.

Kind regards,



ORLANDO FERNANDES
PRINCIPAL – HILLCREST SCHOOLS