

11 August 2020

Dear Hyde Park High School parents and learners

The SGB would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Melanie Kallie, our long-awaited new Principal, to Hyde Park High School.

Mrs Kallie accepted the position in July and was introduced to the educators and staff on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020. She will be introduced to the learners as each phase returns to school.

Mrs Kallie comes with over 17 years of experience in education. Further to this, Mrs Kallie has obtained both her Honours and Masters in the area of Education Management and is currently pursuing her Doctorate. Our new Principal is also known and respected in education circles for having led a team that set up and built a school, Kibler Park Secondary School, from scratch in Johannesburg South. Prior to that Mrs Kallie was at Rand Girls High for many years. We are very excited to have Mrs Kallie join us as part of the Hyde Park family and feel honored that she accepted the position to take up the baton. The SGB feels this is the start of even greater things to come for our school.

In December 2019, the SGB advised parents that Mr Vogiatzis was retiring at the end of the year and that a selection panel had been formed and tasked with the mandate to make recommendation for a new Principal.

The selection panel, made up of eleven people, submitted recommendations to the Department of Education. This happened after a thorough shortlisting and interview process, that took place over three weekends, with many excellent candidates that had responded to the position advertised in the Government Gazette. The final stage of this process has now been completed and the recommendations made received final approval by the HOD at the Gauteng Department of Education in July 2020.

The SGB would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Mrs Aling, our Deputy Principal who has been in the position of Acting Principal since January 2020. Her dedication and commitment have ensured that the area of learning has continued through turbulent times for education in our country. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Aling.

We are also very indebted to Mrs Lyall who has been Acting Deputy and supporting Mrs Aling in the execution of her duties. The added responsibilities and drive to succeed is very much appreciated.

Please feel free to engage with Mrs Kallie and welcome her to our school. We look forward to having her on board and enjoying many years of continued success as a school.

As a school, we are incredibly fortunate to have a strong, extremely capable team in management and we wish everyone only success as they strive towards even greater outcomes going forward.

Kind regards

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**Hyde Park High School**