

# St Andrew's College

## *Clubs and Societies 2022*



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# **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## **Community Engagement**

*Staff Member in Charge: Miss N Mzaza*

Our extensive and diverse range of activities offers boys the opportunity to engage in a meaningful way with the Makhanda community and make a lasting contribution. The Community Engagement Committee has core representatives from each House and meets bi-weekly to discuss and develop new ideas and plan events.

### Community Engagement in the Houses

Each House is encouraged to initiate and sustain a community engagement project every term. Individuals can also participate in the various organised Community Engagement events organised by the school, like soup kitchen visits, environmental service, and volunteering at events. Students are also encouraged to join the larger projects offered at Good Shepherd Primary School, Tiger Titans, Ntaba Maria Primary, Ikayalosizo, Eluxolweni and St Mary's Primary. In addition, students can serve their school by helping with school events.

### Grade 10 Community Engagement

Every Monday afternoon, all Grade 10 boys take part in an array of outreach projects. The projects provide boys with the opportunity to engage meaningfully with people from a wide variety of backgrounds. Projects have, in the past, included: sports coaching, art and music, and computer literacy teaching.

### Good Shepherd Primary School

St Andrew's College has a special relationship and shared history with the Good Shepherd Primary School. It is situated on the site where St Andrew's College boys first attended classes. Our family of schools have regular contact with Good Shepherd, ranging from weekly activities like sports coaching, computer literacy, art and music with Grade 10 boys to shared staff development opportunities with St Andrew's Prep. We also run an outdoor education programme at our bush camp, Table Farm. The relationship is vibrant and mutually beneficial.

## **First Aid**

*Staff Member in Charge: Sister H Scheepers*

Level 1 and 3 First Aid courses are offered once we have enough participants. Those who complete the course may serve as first aiders at sports matches, particularly at hockey and rugby in the winter term. In doing so, they play an essential role in the sporting life of the school. First Aid volunteers are also in attendance at athletics meetings, basketball and water polo festivals.

The senior boys play an active role in running the Club and take charge of the First Aid for a game, guided by staff and paramedics' assistance. In the Houses, qualified first aiders can assist when First Aid is required and keep the House first aid box stocked and ready for use. We have talks and practical, interactive demonstrations on various first aid topics and debriefing on the weekend's sports injuries.

In addition to gaining valuable life skills, the boys may use their First Aid certificates to fulfil a Life Orientation portfolio requirement. First Aid may be used as a skill (with 6 – 8 hours of service) or for service hours when completing President's Award. CEMA merit, colours and honours are awarded to those members showing exceptional dedication and service through First Aid.

## **Interact Club**

*Teacher in Charge: Mrs E Goodier*

The Interact Club is an international organisation created for schools to help their community through their learners. Here in Makhanda, we have joined the ICoG (Interact Clubs of Makhanda). The Interact Club is in partnership with seven other schools of Makhanda to work and engage with our community.

The club members are devoted to helping the needy, alleviating hunger, and assisting in developing health care, in addition to preserving the diversity of life on earth and preventing environmental degradation. The club members also aim to leave a footprint in the Eastern Cape education system. To achieve these aims, we work with the community to provide environmental information, attract the public's attention, and raise funds through service projects and activities with other schools to help benefit our community.

It's not all work though, our meetings are informal and are characterised by food and fun!

## President's Award

*Teacher in Charge: Mrs M Ladds*

President's Award is a youth empowerment programme modelled on The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, where participants become involved in a variety of activities that promote self-development.

There are three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold, with each level requiring progressively increasing demands to complete. Participants have to complete requirements for each award in four sections: service, expeditions, skills & interest and physical recreation. For the Gold Award, a residential project involving four nights away from home is also required.

The criterion for gaining an award is individual improvement through persistence and achievement. St Andrew's College has a fine tradition of involvement in this internationally recognised programme, and many boys have been proud recipients of these awards. A Gold Award is regarded highly by universities, scholarship committees and prospective employers.

## Round Square

*Teachers in Charge: Miss S Tshabalala and Mr S Dolf*

Round Square is based on a set of ideals that provide **all** St Andrew's College pupils with the opportunity to develop a wide range of character traits, skills and experiences that will serve them well, both for university applications and study and in their future careers. Students gain exposure to different cultures and viewpoints through collaboration with other Round Square schools worldwide and activities such as student exchanges, Round Square conferences and service projects.

In 2021, the focus is on making the most of the platform provided by the Round Square passport. Students will be able to develop 21st Century skills systematically, becoming better people and leaders. Reflection opportunities are available through online and in-person short courses. Joining the Round Square committee will provide an opportunity to influence the course content to be covered during the year and the opportunity to develop small group facilitation skills.

# GENERAL INTEREST

## **Ballroom & Latin-American Dancing**

*Staff Members in Charge: Miss M Strydom and Ms L van der Merwe*

Ballroom & Latin-American Dancing is a joint St Andrew's College/DSG club that teaches couples dancing, accommodating beginners and more advanced dancers. You will learn various dance styles: the Waltz, Tango, Rumba, Cha Cha and Boogie, as well some line dances - to name a few. Dance history and etiquette is also highlighted. The Club is taught by Mr Francois van Eck, a local dance instructor. Lessons are charged to your school account. The Club offers occasional workshops and the prospect to compete in an annual Inter-schools Social Dance Competition, held in Port Elizabeth. Dancers are encouraged to participate in Dance Grading to achieve internationally recognised diplomas for their dancing. These events are planned to provide students with the opportunity to be recognised through the school merit system. You will find the Club helpful in order to dance at school socials and dances. Ballroom Dancing is a life skill that can be useful throughout life and grows self-confidence and social skills.

## **Chess**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr A Stuart-Watson*

The Chess Club meets once a week to develop the game of individual players through training and tactics. Fixtures run throughout the year, and big derby matches are played in the Trinity Term. Players participate in internal and local chess leagues to acquire chess ratings and develop their skills. The annual Inter-House Chess Competition takes place in the Michaelmas Term. Chess is available at all times of the day, but the Club meets on Friday afternoons from 15h00 to 16h30.

## **Coding**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr M Muller*

The coding club welcomes all learners from Grade 9 to Grade 12 as we explore various streams of programming languages using an online platform. Completing certification with the club during the year allows learners build real world skills in areas such as Java, Python, Data Analysis and Web Development. Come along and spark your interest in the world programming.

## **Computer Graphics Club (CGI)**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr A Stuart-Watson*

The CGI club meets bi-monthly to ponder the intricacies of computer animation. Our primary focus is introductory skills in Adobe Photoshop, After Effects and Premiere Pro considering some of the basics in vector and motion graphics. The Club will also focus on theoretical introductions to Cinema 4d, Maya and Blender to consider the basics of 3D animation as well. It is a good place to cut your teeth if you are interested in the world of Computer Graphics, and initiates of all levels of skill are welcome.

## **Copernicans**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr C Hatches*

Copernicans is open to boys in Grades 10 and 11. Two formal meetings will be held per term, with additional outings being arranged *ad hoc* throughout the year. The Society is a broad-based forum aimed at heightening and diversifying members' knowledge of the world we live in. Meetings will delve into various topics – scientific, technological, philosophical, cultural and humanitarian. Members are encouraged, but not obliged, to deliver brief presentations on topics of personal interest.

## **Debating**

*Teachers in Charge: Mr S Ndaba & Ms N Minya*

The reputation of the St Andrew's College Debating Society is growing locally, nationally & internationally. Members of this Society acquire the following skills: to speak in public with confidence and persuasive flair; to be able to adjudicate debates; to think on their feet and to deal with challenges from opposition speakers; to construct logical arguments, substantiated by facts and relevant examples; to listen critically to others' speeches, being able to analyse the relative strengths and weaknesses of the arguments presented; to increase their general knowledge of current issues and world affairs; to refine their research skills in preparing for debates; to be able to think dispassionately about emotional issues, thereby increasing their tolerance for views opposed to their own; to be able to handle pressure; and, above all, to HAVE GREAT FUN in the process!

The Debating Society has one fixed session weekly (Wednesdays 18h30- 19h30) geared towards development and training. Fridays are usually set aside for putting skills into practice with debates against other schools, league debates, etc. While the Society welcomes all, a measure of selection takes place, as commitment and regular training are essential if an experienced group of debaters is to develop.

The Debating Calendar is filled with internal debates, debates against other schools, league debates, tournaments & festivals, provincial and national championships using the 'World Schools' debating style. In addition, we also enter teams in national and international Model United Nations debating competitions.

## **Dramatic Society**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr A Smith*

This is not a society in the usual sense, in that we do not have pupils as office bearers running the show. Nevertheless, we are very active and stage several productions during the course of the year. These can include a play for seniors, in conjunction with DSG (known as the School Play), a musical, and a junior play. In addition, boys are encouraged to write scripts and to mount productions and this does happen from time to time.

(Speech and Drama is offered as a school subject, and pupils studying Drama are usually also involved in several productions as part of their course work.)

## **Entrepreneurs' Club**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr R Buchan*

The Entrepreneurs' Club is exclusive to senior grades. It aims to provide commercially-minded, motivated young minds with the tools to succeed in the business world whilst remaining in balance with personal life and surrounding communities. The course taught will be an informal and participative lecture series convened by a Chartered Accountant who has successfully started and managed two different businesses. Guest speakers, who have also started and managed successful businesses, will share their experiences with the Club every fourth meeting, outlining their success stories and giving tips on their achievements, failures and mistakes on their path to wealth. We also hope to watch documentaries, films, clips and do site visits.

Budding entrepreneurs will be exposed to starting up and registering a private company, putting thoughts and ideas into action and getting going on the path to financial freedom. Members will be exposed to the basics of personal finance, business finance, entrepreneurship opportunities, marketing and selling, economics, taxation, investments in shares, property and any other income-generating assets. Interesting ad-hoc topics raised by members will be discussed and explained. The content offered will benefit any student interested in making a business and investments work for them.

# **Environmental Sustainability**

*Teacher in Charge: Mrs K Cobbing*

The Environmental Sustainability student committee is open to all boys who hope to make a difference to their surroundings, promote more sustainable practices and help build good habits and attitudes among the College community. The committee meets once a week to discuss and target local, national and international sustainability issues, with a bias towards environmental concerns.

In recent years, the Club has involved students in cooperative research on an international level (e.g. "Water is Life 2016") Research and conference, in the organisation of events locally that celebrate various days related to sustainability (e.g. Coastal Clean-Up Day), in fundraising projects to the benefit of local projects (e.g. Raising money for Galela Amanzi to install water tanks at local schools during World Water day), in the participation in activities and awareness campaigns organised by others (e.g. Environmental Film Fest and Green Fun Run) and initiating and running school-based projects and effect change of sustainable practice at a school level (e.g. Monitoring food waste or promoting recycling of paper).

The Sustainability Student Committee has a Portfolio Prefect who chairs the Club, with Grade 11 representatives in each House. The direction and focus of the committee at any given point and in any given year depends on the passion and interest of the group of boys involved. The vision is for all students to become more aware and for some students to gain skills to inspire, research, organise and run events supporting the international sustainable development goals.

# **Gaming**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr M Muller*

St Andrew's College offers all learners from Grade 10 to Grade 12 a chance to hone their skills in various team-based games. The world-leading offering from Riot Games (League of Legends) forms the basis of the club, with many FPS games and FIFA available on console to participate in. Come along and be part of this exciting extracurricular offering.

## **Library Monitor's Club**

*Teachers in Charge: Mrs M Webb & Ms N Libi*

This Club is made up of a group of boys who share a love of books and reading. They meet every Friday with the Librarian to discuss ways to make the library the focus of every boy at St Andrew's College. New members are always welcome.

## **Marketing Club**

*Staff Members in Charge: Mr S Penney & Dr S Bosman*

The Marketing Club meets once a week to learn about various aspects of multi-media communication and marketing.

These include:

- Operating professional video cameras
- Basic video production management and postproduction
- Online, live video streaming, using Blackmagic
- Sport and event photography
- Writing and design for online and print media, aimed at specific target audiences

The club is actively involved in live-streaming various events on campus throughout the year. Any boy from Grade 8 to 12 is welcome. The Marketing Club may be used as a skill or for service hours towards President's Award.

## **Model United Nations**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr S Spooner*

The Model United Nations Society is closely linked to the Debating Club and caters for those who are interested in learning the art of diplomacy and collaboration within a real-world setting. Model United Nations, also known as Model UN or MUN, is an academic activity and simulates the various functions of the United Nations. It is well-suited to those interested in dealing with the very real challenges the world is facing today and provides an excellent insight into international relations. St Andrew's College regularly participates in the St Andrew's International Model United Nations conference held in Dun Laoghaire in Dublin, Ireland, and the Johannesburg Model United Nations Conference held at the American International School. Beyond Model UN, we also hope to set our sights on exploring Model AFRICAN UNION possibilities, with a view to hosting a MAU Conference at some stage in the future.

## **Reading and Watching Club**

*Teachers in Charge: Mrs M Webb & Ms N Libi*

An IEB requirement for English is that all students must have read at least seven books by the end of Grade 12. It is often the case that boys and girls have not read enough books and are left with the stress of reading the full requirement of books in Grade 12. The Club is based on the idea of reading a book and, afterwards, watching a screening of its film adaptation. This will, hopefully, enhance the reading experience and provide a more structured setting for reading. With deadlines in place, club members will have a good reason not to let reading slip to the bottom of their priorities.

The Club hopes to achieve the following:

- Read two books per term
- Watch the film adaptations of the chosen books
- Discuss the books and films
- Suggest good books for the library

The Reading and Watching Club is open to all boys and girls and is aimed at both those who are passionate about reading and those who would like to improve their reading. The Club meets on Monday afternoons from 15h00 to 17h00.

## **Sound Production Club**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr J Flanagan*

This Club is aimed at creating a space for learners who have musical talent in producing and engineering music of their own, but have no platform to develop and learn new sound-producing skills. The development and exposure to skills such as recording, mixing, mastering, using a Digital Work Station (DAW) such as Fruity loops (FL) or Adobe audition to either record instruments or make music will be taught. This Club is open to anyone who wishes to join, however, space is limited to 6 for the first year.

## **Student Christian Association**

*Teacher in Charge: Rev R Wyngaard*

All students are welcome to attend. The SCA meets once a week in the Chapel, usually on Monday evenings, from 18h30-19h30, for a time of worship, sharing around the Word of God, and ministry to one another. The boys themselves run SCA meetings. Boys are encouraged to participate where they feel comfortable. The setting is always comfortable and non-threatening.

## **X-Art**

*Teacher in Charge: Mrs J Norton*

X-Art is an opportunity to become acquainted with the different techniques relating to drawing, sculpture and painting. Boys can work on their own projects or use the time to continue with class art projects. It is a relaxing time to enjoy creating Art. There is no designated time as such. Boys are free to use the Cornish Visual Arts Department when they have time available to them, provided, of course, that their teachers are made aware.

## **CLOSED SOCIETIES**

### **Alchemists**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr T Barnard*

Alchemists is a closed society of approximately 14 senior students (boys and girls) who meet on Sunday evenings twice a term to discuss matters of general, non-scientific interest. Members take turns to present papers and lead discussions on topics of their own choice. The level and tenor of the discussions is mature and serious, without being stuffy. Meetings are held in the Roger Clark Staff Common Room and include refreshments. Each year's members are invited by the teacher-in-charge, in consultation with the outgoing members.

### **Astronomers' Club**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr A Smith*

This is a closed society in which 6 Grade 11 boys and 6 Grade 12 boys meet 6 times a year. At each meeting, one of the Grade 11 boys presents a paper of a scientific nature to the Club which is discussed over supper.

### **Cornish Society**

*Teacher in Charge: Dr S Bosman*

This Society is made up of a selected group of Grade 10-12 boys and girls who share a love of poetry. The group meets twice a term to discuss the works of international and local poets, or to share their own work. Guest poets are frequently invited, and the Society attends book launches and other literary events.

## **Film Club**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr J Orsmond*

This Club is made up of a selected group of boys from Grade 10 to 12 who share an appreciation of film as art. Landmark, influential and provocative films are introduced and screened, followed by questions, discussions and recommendations for further viewings.

## **The Plato Society**

*Teacher in Charge: Ms M du Toit*

Plato believed that it was only through the spoken word and through face-to-face discussion that truth could be elicited and honest teaching was guaranteed.

The Plato Society is a closed philosophy and critical discussions Society where pupils will engage with a variety of philosophical ideas and discussions and learn how to argue about them in a critical and empathetic manner. It is open to boys and girls who are in Grade 10, 11 and 12. To be eligible for this group, you must write a letter of motivation to Ms Du Toit as to why you wish to join. We meet on Mondays (once every second week) from 19h00 to 20h30. The structure of the evening will be based around readings, argument mapping and critical discussions.

## **The Speakers Society**

*Teachers in Charge: Ms A Roberts-Gush & Ms V Shezi*

Run along the lines of Toastmasters International, this is a closed society for Grade 11 and Grade 12 pupils. Any pupil in Grade 11 may apply at the start of their Grade 11 year. All applicants are granted an interview conducted by the Grade 12 members in the presence of a staff member. New members are selected after much debate and discussion. The Society takes about 12 new members each year (6 girls and 6 boys) who are then inducted into the Society for two years.

During the two years, the following skills are learnt: how to plan and deliver various prepared speeches, how to do an impromptu speech, how to effectively evaluate speeches, how to propose a toast, how to be a Topics Master, how to introduce and thank guest speakers, chairing a meeting and so on.

The three meetings held per term offer the members of the Society not only a forum to use their oratory talents, but also the opportunity to develop their skills and improve as public speakers.

# MUSIC

## **Chamber Choir**

*Choir Master: Mr K Kepadisa*

The membership of this choir is closed, usually with a maximum of 24 members. Prospective members have to audition for available places and must already be a member of the Chapel Choir. Boys are auditioned on their vocal ability and should also be able to sight read music.

The choir meets three times a week. A variety of music is sung, including unaccompanied (*a cappella*) and accompanied sacred and secular music. Choir members are encouraged to run their own part practices, to take occasional solos and to be part of the annual auditions. A Head Chorister is elected each year. The level of commitment expected is high.

Because the group is fairly small, versatile and transportable, we are invited to sing at various school and external events, and the choir regularly participates in festivals and competitions. Members are eligible for CEMA awards once they have met all the criteria.

## **Chapel Choir**

*Choir Master: Mr P Black*

All keen singers are welcome to audition for the Chapel Choir. It is a full four-part SATB (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) choir, and includes boys from St Andrew's Prep and College. Practices are twice a week at College and thrice-weekly for the Prep Choristers. A boys-only choir, its primary role is to sing the weekly services and other special school occasions in the College Chapel. However, outside of Chapel commitments, the choir performs on the concert stage at choir festivals, eisteddfods and other school events and undertakes national and international tours.

The choir's wide repertoire embraces a vast African and English Church Music repertoire. Members are eligible for CEMA awards once they have met all the criteria and qualify, as Chapel Choir members, to audition for the combined St Andrew's College/DSG Chamber Choir.

## **Contemporary Band**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr J Flanagan*

This ensemble includes students from both St Andrew's College and DSG. The members of the group are chosen through auditions and meet on Mondays from 15h00 to 16h00. The instruments involved are: vocals, bass guitar, keyboard, drum kit, rhythm guitar and lead guitar, plus the occasional wind instrument, such as saxophone or trumpet. The Band aims to play a variety of Rock and Pop music, from older classics to up-to-date hits.

## **Jazz Ensemble**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr R van Heerden*

The jazz ensemble offers a unique opportunity for spontaneous musical expression and experimentation. Musicians can improvise and create their own music in the moment, both individually and collectively, often within the framework of original pieces that have been composed specifically for the ensemble and with individual players in mind. Rehearsals frequently take the form of workshops that are designed to instil and cultivate improvisational skills. Repertoire typically draws on the African-American jazz tradition, particularly hard bop and jazz-rock, with occasional forays into the dizzying expanses of free improvisation. The ensemble is open to anyone with secure instrumental skills and a willingness to take chances, explore, and be inventive.

## **Marimba Band**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr N Xipu*

This is a newly formed group at St Andrew's College that is quickly growing momentum due to the fact that boys do not have to read music or previously have played a musical instrument. The Marimba Band is all about experiencing the joy of making music together. It is open for any boys in Grades 8 - 12 to join, subject to availability. The group learns and performs traditional African as well as popular contemporary pieces. There are also opportunities for boys to play the djembe or congo drums with the group.

# Pipe Band

*Teacher in Charge: Mr M Roodt*

Started in 1938, the College Pipe Band is one of the oldest school pipe bands in the country. The band wears the Graham of Montrose tartan.

The band functions as a competition band, where they compete at a number of competitions around the country, as well as a cadet band, playing for the College's cadet parades, which include a Retreat Ceremony on Speech Day and a parade into town for Remembrance Sunday. In addition, the band is sometimes asked to play at other functions around the Eastern Cape.

**Pipers:** Pipers start off playing the bagpipes on the practice chanter, and when they reach a certain level, they graduate onto the bagpipe. The length of time it takes for a learner to graduate into the band depends almost entirely on how much time he devotes to practising the instrument. Time taken to move into the band can be anywhere between 6 months to 2 years, depending on the level of practice. As with everything, real proficiency on the instrument follows only after a considerable period of time. Most pipers have the opportunity to play in individual piping competitions, and over the years, many boys from College have been very successful in solo piping events.

Drummers fall into two categories – **Side-drummers** and **Bass section**:

**Bass section** players can play one of two instruments, Tenor or Bass, and can learn the basics very quickly. The difficulty with the bass section is the rhythm, learning when and where to place emphasis and the flourishing for the tenors. The bass section helps hold the pipers and side-drummers together.

**Side-drumming** is a highly developed form of drumming, with very involved technique and, as with piping, real expertise requires considerable effort. Drummers start on the practice drum pad and, when they know enough, can move into the band and onto the actual drum.

Pupils arrange individual lessons with their teachers – usually done on a one-to-one basis outside of Band practice times.

Band practice times are generally on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

## **String Orchestra**

*Director: Mr N Xipu*

The String Orchestra is the flagship of the successful string programme at the DR Wynne School of Music. To qualify, St Andrew's College and DSG string players from Grade 8 to Grade 12 must be able to read music and play at a minimum of Grade 2 proficiency. All symphonic string instruments are represented - violin, viola, cello and double bass. The String Orchestra works on a wide variety of classical, contemporary and African pieces, often arranged specifically for the group. The players form a unique team, and the social element is enjoyed. It is a serious commitment with enormous personal reward and fun. The orchestra meets twice a week for an hour's training. Participation is compulsory for string pupils and is integral to our young musicians' education and development. The String Orchestra combines with the Wind Orchestra to form a celebratory symphonic ensemble for occasions such as Speech Day. Participation in the String Orchestra gains recognition towards CEMA awards.

## **Wind Orchestra**

*Conductor: Ms B de Villiers*

The Wind Orchestra consists of all the wind and percussion instruments of the Symphony Orchestra. We often combine with one of the many other ensembles in the Music School to perform exciting arrangements especially written for special events. The Orchestra plays a variety of musical styles, ranging from Classical through to contemporary pieces, depending on the occasion. This group performs at all St Andrew's College's prestigious events. Members are expected to maintain a certain minimum playing standard in order to keep the orchestra's reputation as one of the flagships of both St Andrew's College and DSG. Members of the Wind Orchestra are eligible to receive CEMA awards once a certain period of time and standard has been achieved.

# **EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES**

## **Outdoor**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr R Dewey*

The Angling and Exploration Clubs have combined to form the Outdoor Club. This Club gives the boys the opportunity to learn and improve skills such as fishing, orienteering, bushcraft, rock climbing, birding, camping and basic outdoor survival, which will benefit them throughout life. We host these outings at The Shack at Oyster Bay, on the Jimmy River Boat, at Khula Camp on Table Farm, or other wonderful places in the Eastern Cape.

There is a fee to join this Club, which covers the travel costs. The Club is open to boys of all grades, which allows them to form new friendships and make memories that last long after they leave College.

## **Scuba Diving**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr M Roodt*

Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) scuba diving courses (Open Water 1, Advanced Diver and Dive Master qualifications) which are recognised worldwide are offered through an excellent dive school in Port Elizabeth. They provide all the equipment, professional tuition, and supervision.

Beginner open water courses consist of 2 parts, an eLearning theory component and a practical component, consisting of pool dives and 4 open water dives. The practical components will take place in Port Elizabeth/Qheberha at the PADI Dive Centre.

Trips will be irregular, as diving is always subject to sea and weather conditions. Possible trips for qualified divers such as Sodwana Bay, Aliwal Shoal, Tsitsikamma National Park, Sardine Run, Cape Town are possible and potential international diving trips in the future.

## **Slacklining**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr J Orsmond*

Life is all about balance. The Slacklining Club meets every Friday afternoon after school between two or more suitable trees. The Club uses the walking of a tensioned dynamic line (or rope) as a mean to be sociable or solitary (depending on the communal mood of those gathered). Open to all, pupils only need to bring their bare feet and words of encouragement.

## **Surfing**

*Teacher in Charge: Mr R Buchan*

The Surf Club is offered to capable surfers who are looking for a means to surf during the term. Roughly two surf trips are planned a term and will always involve a weekend away to either the Cape St Francis area or the East London/Cintsa area. The Surf Club uses outside surf schools/instructors to ensure outings are as safe as possible. All surfers are to supply their own surf equipment. Membership is dependent on a letter of application by the pupil motivating why they wish to join the Club and is limited.

