

THE UPLANDS FOUNDATION



Giving that grows

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1 Seeds of Hope

To hope is to have an optimistic state of mind – to believe and expect with confidence and to cherish a desire with anticipation.

It is with hope that I believe we will continue to grow the work of the Uplands Foundation by providing a safe and easy space for donors to give! In choosing to support education, you are in the long-term game of building a world where the more educated people there are, the more reason we share, and the more opportunity we have to use diplomacy and compromise in world torn apart by war.

I hope you enjoy these few pages and are inspired to hope too.

“May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears.”

– Nelson Mandela





2 Building Bridges to the Future : Uplands Cricket

Over the years – giving has never been more prevalent than in the area of Cricket at Uplands. It is because of **a dedicated passion of a few early parents** and their children that Cricket at Uplands has grown to be the success it is.

Here we chat to **Hennie Joubert** who fondly remembers the folks who have contributed to the development of Cricket through the years.

[Read more...](#)



3 Manet Palma (neè Agustin, College Class of 2002)

Reflects...



It seems like such an exaggeration to say that I left Uplands 20 years ago. Especially because I still feel like Uplands Prep and College are still such a part of who I am.

After completing Matric, I moved back to the Philippines, then left for the USA. I got married in Virginia and also lived in Florida and Maryland. I now live in Denver, Colorado, and have two wonderful girls: Penny who is 9 years and Posey who is turning 2. We love living in Colorado and are happy to call it our forever home. We truly enjoy living near the mountains and having easy access to gorgeous hiking and snow tubing.

When I'm not home with the girls, I do makeup for different people's special events. I am just a self-employed makeup artist that loves connecting with people from all sorts of backgrounds. It is, however, an honour I don't take for granted because when non-celebrity-people want their makeup done, it's almost always when something significant is being celebrated. So it's quite cool to be trusted for that.

Attending a small boarding school in a rural town in South Africa comes up a lot, usually when others hear the very last trace of my South African accent. I am never shy when it comes to talking about my time in Uplands. Besides its peaceful secluded location, I loved the thoughtful beauty of the architecture there and getting to witness the school grow in its first five years. What really stands out for me is the sense of community the school had, even in those early years! It's such a cliché for students around the world to not know everyone in school, but we all did back then, and at least knew everyone's name. I realized how extremely rare that is after I left.

Uplands was literally my home for years. And I really hope to visit again someday. I send you all lots of greetings from here in Colorado!

4 An Uplands Education - the Legacy Continues...



We were, once again, delighted to introduce and welcome the children of our Old Uplanders' back to the Uplands Family.

Every Old Uplanders' child is special, and we wish them all a wonderful Uplands experience, in all ways of life at our School.

Luke Breero has started here in **Grade 10** (his dad, Lance, was a Grade 7 Prep Leaver in 1986).

We also welcomed four **Grade 8** pupils. Jamila Haeri Mazanderani (dad, Ahmad, completed Matric in College Class of 2001) and Isabella Vieira (her mom, Bernadette, the first Head Girl in College Class of 1999). Kate Howe-Dreyer (her dad, Derek, was a Grade 7 Prep Leaver in 1981), and Jessica Knott (her mom, Kathy, a Grade 7 Prep Leaver in 1987).



Left to right: Elaine Taylor (Old Uplander/Alumni Relations), Jessica Knott, Kate Howe-Dreyer, Isabella Vieira, Jamila Haeri Mazanderani, Luke Breero.



Kate Rankin, Grade 7
(Dad, Jason, Prep Leaver)



In **Grade 6**, we welcome Lucy Ponting (dad, Grant, Grade 7 Prep Leaver in 1985).

A special note must be made of Guy McCarthy, as his father, Ryan McCarthy (College Class of 2004, current Staff) is the very first College graduate to admit his child into Uplands in 2015. Guy is now in Grade 6.



In **Grade 0**, we welcome (from left to right) Aiden Pollard (dad, Graham, Grade 7 Prep Leaver in 1993), Alina Taylor (dad, Mark Taylor, Grade 5 Prep Leaver in 1994), Axel Pinker (dad, Stephan, College Class of 2002) and William, Grade 0 (Dad, André Whitfield, Grade 7 Leaver in 1996).



Uplanders Lend a Helping Hand!

On 29 January 2022, Uplanders and other groups in our community came together to assist in the cleaning up of the White River Nature Reserve.

About 150 people flocked to the White River Rugby Club parking despite the predicted rain forecast for the morning.

The WESSA (Wildlife and Environment Society of SA) and WR Nature Reserve (WRNR) organiser, Tiffany Briggs (College Class of 2010), handed out gloves and black bin bags to the volunteers. The Rotary Club of White River was on hand to provide boerewors rolls and water.

Many Old Uplanders were involved, including past Heads (Gavin Sinclair and Warren Boden), past Board members, including Murrough Davies-Webb, and many past, as well as present parents and staff.

Pupils from Curro Nelspruit and White River Primary joined the Uplands pupils who were then led by Doc Taylor, Scott Hauptfleisch and Gary Viljoen. The team cleaned up around the Rugby Club, then continued deep into the surrounding bush.

The Power of 8000, a local community organisation, also came to help with the clean-up.

The highlight was most notably the joyful camaraderie between the volunteers, organisers and everyone-in-between - which was the ultimate aim for WESSA, the Rotary Club of WR and WRNR.



Let's Plant a Tree

Matrics 2021

When asked what he would do if he knew that he will die tomorrow, Martin Luther said, "I would plant a tree." One doesn't need to wonder why he said those words. Indigenous trees are not only eco-friendly but also people-friendly. They speak in their own special way a language which we should all understand. They carry deep symbolism that can't be expressed in a limited space.

Every tree has their own story to tell – stories that are often gripping. They take you back to the past; they carry memories of those who have planted it. Was it intended to decorate the surroundings? Was it intended to provide shade to a wandering traveller? Or was it intended as a beacon to remember someone? The planting of a tree can also be a future-oriented act. You don't just plant a tree to give yourself joy, but also to benefit and delight your future generations. Those who plant a tree, do so in love and faith.

A tree is not a dead monument; it lives on and looks forward; it reproduces, and it establishes confidence in humankind. In this way, every tree that is planted on Uplands' terrain is a deed of trust and confidence in the current and future leaders of our proud school community.

Plant a tree, and become a creator of hope and confidence. Our Almighty Creator settled us here on earth – not to break what is beautiful, but to be builders and tree-planters – responsible managers of our planet earth.

Why did the matric class of 2021 think it's a good idea to plant a few trees? Here is the answer:

We would like to address our benefactors – the headmaster of the school, the staff, teachers, the pupils, and the whole school community; to say thank you for everything that they have done for us. These trees are a physical gesture of our gratitude. But these trees should also help the entire school community remember us as the Class of 2021, who tried to make a small contribution to the many great traditions and ceremonies that our school has. We hope (and challenge) that the future matric classes will continue this legacy.

Furthermore, these trees should, in every root and leaf, proclaim that we have confidence in the future of our beautiful country, South Africa. Let us all speak the language of the tree in rich laden symbolism.

Kobus van der Westhuyzen

Head Mentor : Class of 2021



7 The Uplands Legacy Fund

At Uplands, we are more than just a school; **we are a community.**

Through the Uplands Foundation, we **are invested in the lives and futures of all of our pupils.**

We live in a country, in which access to quality education, and the opportunity to attend a school, such as Uplands, remains a privilege.

The purpose of the Uplands Foundation is to **nurture the spirit of giving** and to raise capital for the Uplands Centenary Fund.

Within this fund we focus on financially supporting our pupils through the **bursary and scholarship funds**, our campus through the **capital development priorities** and our **Outreach community.**



Uplands Legacy Fund

1

Our Pupils

Uplands Centenary Bursary

Farmers 4 Future
Farmers Bursary

2

Our Campus

Uplands Heritage Projects

UPPA Capital
Development Project

3

Our Community

Uplands Outreach



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the QR code
to learn more
about the
Uplands
Foundation

Please contact Sally Greathead on 082 4392 805 should you be interested in any of our current projects.



Thank
you

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8 What is the Section 18A Certificate?

How can the Section 18A help you, our donor?

Did you know that by making a donation to the Uplands Foundation, you are not only building the Uplands legacy, but you are also able to benefit from your donation.

As Uplands is a registered NPC and has PBO (Public Benefit Organisation) status, we are able to issue all donors with Section 18A certificates in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act (Act 58 of 1962). This means that you as a taxpayer or the company you own, may make a bona fide donation in cash or in kind (material assets), and this qualifies as a tax deductible expense. This donation cannot exceed 10% of the taxable income.

*The South African Revenue Service (SARS) determines a bona fide donation to be “a voluntary, gratuitous gift disposed of by the **donor** out of liberality or generosity, where the donee is enriched and the donor impoverished. There may be no quid pro quo, no reciprocal obligations and no personal benefit for the donor. If the donee gives any consideration at all it is not a donation. The donor may not impose conditions which could enable him or any connected person in relation to himself to derive some direct or indirect benefit from the application of the donation.”*

It is therefore important to note that income which is received for the sale of merchandise, entry fees to participate in events or campaigns, purchasing of an auction item or the sponsoring of an event, do not qualify for the Section 18A Certificate.

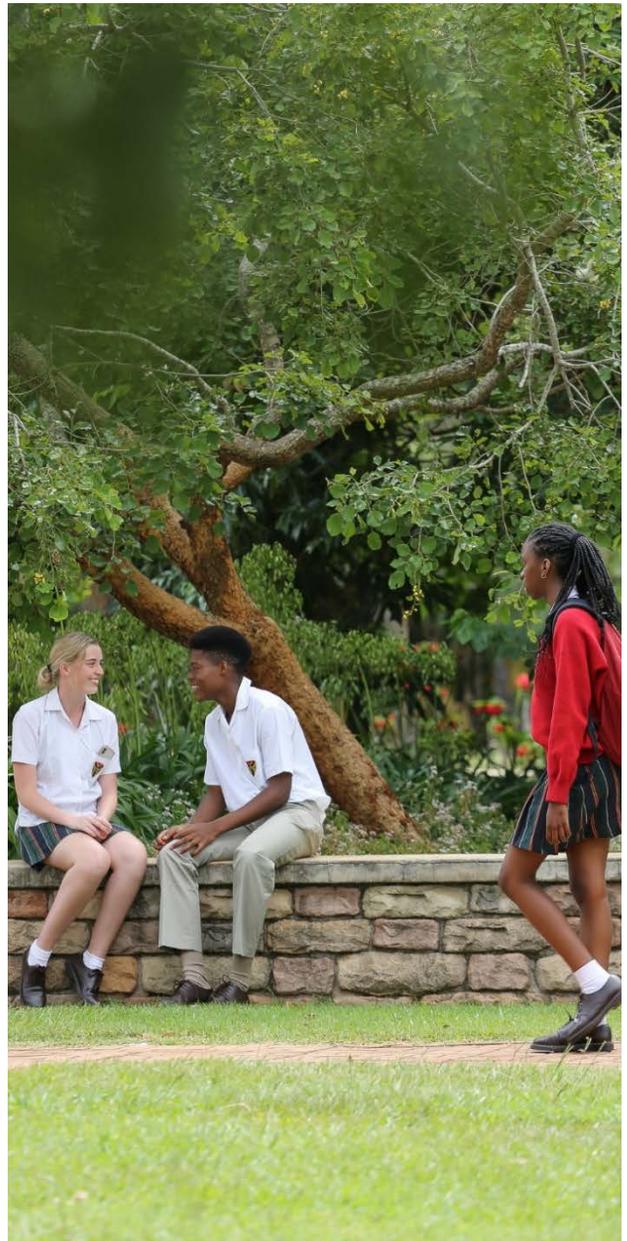
How do you get your Section 18A Certificate?

Once the Uplands Foundation has received your cash donation, we are able to issue you with the Section 18A Certificate.

Section 18A certificates can also be issued on receipt of an invoice for in-kind donations. If items are purchased from a supplier, the receipt will be sufficient. If items are donated from the company's stock, then an invoice reflecting cost price will be required. The certificate will be issued for total amount less VAT.

For more information on the Section 18A – [Please click here.](#)

Please consider a donation to the Uplands Foundation Legacy Fund. We can all benefit from giving.





9 Catching Up with Jeffrey Calmeyer : Class of 2012

Name: Jeffrey John Calmeyer

Matric Year: 2012

Living in: Nelspruit, South Africa

Company Name: Tom, Dick & Harry Digital

Position: Owner

Personal Family Details: Married Bianca in 2021

What 3 words best describe you?

Adventurous.

Diligent.

Hard-working.



What are your two pet peeves?

People dragging their feet and people moving slowly!

What's a typical day like for you?

My workday usually entails working and ensuring tasks are done by my team. Weekends entail catching up on TV series and making time to do things outdoors.

Flashback to when you were 10 years old. What did you want to be when you grew up?

A game ranger

Do you have any skills or talents that most people don't know about?

I guess, trying to make people laugh. Not sure my repertoire of jokes counts as a skill.

What goal do you have for yourself that you want to accomplish in the next year?

To not get brought down by the same things that brought me down in 2021.

What does success mean to you, and how did Uplands equip you in life after school?

Success for me means having a happy family. Uplands equipped me by showing me that my actions are part of a greater picture (achieving something personally which could benefit society/the school)



Appreciation

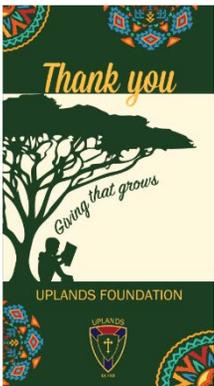
Giving is an important element of happiness – even more so than the act of receiving. Apart from feeling grateful for being important to someone, the receivers very often become inspired to become givers themselves. Generosity begets generosity.

THANK YOU! WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN SO MUCH!

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 Mrs Melissa Skinner Nunes

... and countless more!



Warm wishes from the Uplands Foundation Team

It is a great privilege for each of us to work in this rewarding space. On reading the [Harvard Business Review](#) – we understand that as teams have grown more diverse, dispersed, digital, and dynamic - collaboration has become more complex. However despite challenges, our success still depends on a core set of fundamentals. We have a compelling direction, a strong structure, and will be always grateful for a supportive context.



Sally Greathead
Head, Uplands Foundation

Sally Greathead heads up the Uplands Foundation, where she is involved in building relationships and providing opportunities for families to contribute meaningfully to Uplands. The Greathead family's involvement with, and love of Uplands has spread over 3 generations.



Lynette Carlisle
Uplands Foundation Administrator

Lynette is primarily responsible for the management of the alumni database as well as being a solid administrative support to the team. Many will know Lynette's gentle yet thorough nature from her many years of working in the Front Office at Webster House.



Elaine Taylor
Alumni Relations Officer

Elaine's responsibilities include reaching out and catching up with our Old Uplanders. Elaine's love of the outdoors and Uplands pupils blended perfectly in the many Grade 10 Journeys which she has been a part of for over nine years.

At Uplands, we promise to treat our supporters with the highest level of care and respect. We assure our donors integrity and accountability within our advancement programme.

The Uplands Foundation provides a stream of carefully stewarded financial support for key strategic objectives, through professional relationship-building and goodwill initiatives with alumni, families and other stakeholders within the Uplands Community.

Please contact **Sally Greathead** on **082 439 2805** should you be interested in any of our current projects.

Warm wishes from

The Uplands Foundation Team



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