



SURVIVING THE WATER CRISIS



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The water crisis has finally made itself felt in the Sports Department....

The days of beautiful green fields and water from the sprinklers glittering in the early morning light have become a distant memory and have forced the Sports Department to become more and more creative in an attempt to keep our sports functioning and ensure your children get the best possible sports experience at Edgemean High School.

Summer 2017/2018 started with all declared pools unavailable and the Western Cape schools having to stop swimming as a sport. Edgemean High explored every avenue to transfer our swim squad to a local gym but unfortunately we were not able to find a new home. Sadly an impossible hurdle to overcome.

The next challenge has been our fields drying out and becoming unrecognisable sand pits. While we struggled to maintain our cricket pitches with grey water, the outfielders have become less than desirable for our A-team cricketers. Despite this our 1st XI have made it to the final 8 in the league as the only co-ed school in the mix with the big southern suburbs boys' schools and the two specialist sports schools in the peninsula. Sadly having made it so far only to be told by WPCA that all school cricket leagues have been suspended as of 1 February was a shocking blow to the boys, their coaches and the supporters.

However Edgemean High is never one to give up on developing our players and being innovative, so we will continue with skills development sessions and

pilot an Edgemean Cricket League - an internal league to encourage cricketers to stay in the sport and hone their match skills in a 6-a-side format. We are going to apply our very successful Edgemean Hockey League (EHL) model and in this way try and keep all cricketers playing every week until the end of February.

We now wait with bated breath for the feedback from our league convenors regarding the future of school soccer and rugby this year.

We appeal to all our cricket parents to encourage your sons to support the ECL initiative and continue to grow their cricket skills.

WINTER SPORT SIGN UP

Amazing to have to start thinking about winter when we are all so hot and uncomfortable and all that we have in our minds is the severe shortage of water. However, planning goes ahead and that means we need to be prepared for our winter season.

So it is time to get the entire school on board for the winter sports sign-up.

We have designed a google form that will supply the Sports Department with all relevant information about your child that we may need on the sports field.

We ask each parent to take the time to sit with their son/daughter and complete the sign-up.

You will need internet access preferably via google chrome.

Please visit the schools website:

www.edgemeanhigh.org.za and open the sports tab.

On the right hand side of the sports page will be a link that you need to click on. This will open the form. The form will ask for a password - please use *winter 2018 EHS*. Once you have done this you will be able to go through the form and complete and submit it to us.



FORTHCOMING TOURS

The Sports Department is in the process of finalising preparations for a number of tours and tournaments.

The Vredenberg Cricket tour takes place this weekend coming and despite the disappointment of the league ending so abruptly the boys' have this annual event to look forward to where they put their skills to test against Vredenberg High on the West coast and spend a few nights away from home developing their team spirit.

The U14 girls' and boys' hockey teams will be participating in the DF Malan Tournament once again this year, a superb tournament that settles the

teams in preparation for the highly competitive winter season that begins in the second week of term 2. Preparation involves practises every Friday during term 1 to ensure the teams skill levels and fitness are at the correct level.

Both the girls' and boys' U16 hockey teams will take part in the Aslan- Edgemoor U16 Tournament in March, and their practice sessions will start later in February. Unfortunately for the U16 boys' side we won't be participating in the Rondebosch Tournament as it has been cancelled due to the water crisis.

The U19A boys' Hockey side will be

travelling to East London at the end of March to participate in the Greg Belling tournament, a challenging tournament that they are already preparing hard for, practicing at 6am twice a week. The girls' U19A side is busily preparing for the Spar Hockey Challenge, which we hope to do well in this year.

The girls' and boys' U19B hockey sides are once again traveling to George to take part in the York High Festival. This festival is great fun and has played a significant role in developing very competitive B-sides at the school and improving the depth of skilled players available for our sides.

"Our pupils' are very fortunate to have the opportunity to tour, developing skill and character."



INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

On Friday the annual Interhouse Athletics meeting took place.

Amid lots of cheering and colourful outfits we watched our extremely talented athletics pit themselves against each other to earn the prestigious trophies for best house and best spirit. Congratulations to Butler for winning the day and to Paton for winning the Spirit Gorilla.



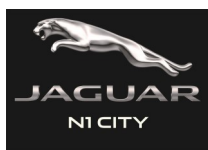
On days such as these we are reminded of the energy and sheer commitment of our young athletes that give everything despite the trying circumstances of sandy track, wind and heat. We look forward to some exciting Interschools events in the near future.

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