



THE PRETORIAN TRUST

## DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

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Dear Donor

I am writing to you in the hope that a project about which I am passionate and which is urgently necessary in S.A. may be of interest to you and, if so, what sort of assistance you could give. I am not going into detail but obviously should you see merit in this, detail will follow.

You will be aware of the huge disparity between the "haves" and the "have nots" in South Africa and this is exacerbated annually in education as the top schools produce world class results while the other end of the spectrum (about 80% of state schools) achieve little more than mediocrity. I had the privilege of piloting Boys High through the transformation period but realise now that I could and should have been more proactive in our endeavours. Boys High is still a world class school in every respect and with the advent of a new Headmaster, Greg Hassenkamp, an Old Boy from 1990 who has bought into this initiative with zeal, commitment, understanding and courage, I believe this is the right time.

Simply put, we would like to have 10% of the boys in the School (150) on bursaries which means that we would be giving them an educational opportunity denied to them through historical, geographical and financial reasons. While Boys High is still a state school, the assistance it receives from the state is 20% of what it actually costs to run the school. The boys would be handpicked for their academic ability in Maths, Science and Technology, would do courses in entrepreneurship and that, together with the holistic education and pastoral care for which Boys High is well-known and with continued mentorship throughout the five years, we should be able to produce outstanding young men who can make this country work. Currently it costs about R 400 000 to finance a boy for 5 years but this does vary should there be boarding needs, assistance with transport, uniforms etc.

The Pretorian Trust is a fundraising body established in 1975 and will be the depository for donations, fundraising and the like and has already embarked upon a bursary package for about 40 boys who receive some form of assistance already.

The major problem of the big scheme is sustainability. We would need to have a significant sum of money, wisely invested so that this scheme could run in perpetuity. Donors who wish to leave money in memory of family and friends are still welcome to do so. It is our hope that this could become a pilot project for other schools to follow, thus making a significant difference.

Kind regards

Bill

**Bill Schroder**  
**Headmaster: 1990 - 2009**