

# Celebrate

# 165 Years

## with us



It is with immense pride and great anticipation that we announce the launch of the 165 Birthday Celebration; a year-long celebration commemorating an extraordinary milestone in the history of Rhenish Girls' High School - the oldest public girls' school in South Africa. As we approach 2025, we embark on a journey that not only reflects on 165 years of rich tradition and excellence but also paves the way for a bright and inspiring future for generations to come.

## “Celebrating 165 years of empowering future leaders”

The celebrations planned for our 165th birthday celebration will be a true reflection of the spirit of Rhenish, engaging learners, alumnae, parents, staff, and the entire Rhenish community. We are thrilled to share some of the key highlights of this historic year-long celebration, designed to reflect on our past and look forward to an exciting future:

**February:** The celebrations will begin with an iconic aerial photograph on the astroturf, marking the start of a remarkable year of festivities.

**March:** We will host the prestigious 165th Anniversary Gala, a formal evening that promises to be an unforgettable event, with a keynote address, a historical presentation, and a silent auction to raise funds for the school's strategic initiatives.

**April:** Our commitment to the community will shine through with outreach programmes, including partnerships with old age homes and local youth projects, ensuring that our celebration extends beyond the school gates.

**May:** The official birthday of Rhenish will be celebrated with grandeur, including the annual Old Girls' lunch and a live-streamed event that invites alumnae and supporters from across the globe to join us.

**June-July:** The creativity of our learners will take centre stage in a learner art exhibition and public auction, with proceeds supporting the school's development projects.

**September:** The celebration will include a golf day and networking events, providing an opportunity for corporate sponsors and supporters to engage with the school's vision.

**October-November:** We will honour our rich heritage with the screening of a documentary chronicling the extraordinary history of Rhenish Girls' High School, featuring stories and memories from alumnae, staff, and current learners.

Each of these events will form part of an unforgettable year, designed to celebrate our enduring legacy while looking forward to the future with confidence, hope and enthusiasm.

### **Join the 165 Club**

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we are delighted to introduce the 165 Club. This exclusive club will allow members to contribute directly to the long-term preservation of the school's historic infrastructure, support scholarship programmes, and participate in unique events that will shape the future of Rhenish. Membership in the 165 Club is an opportunity to ensure that our school continues to flourish for future generations.

### **How You Can Be a Part of the Celebration:**

*Volunteer:* Assist with the planning and execution of our events, or take part in community projects.

*Spread the Word:* Share our exciting plans with fellow alumnae, friends, and family members.

*Attend Events:* We warmly invite you to join us at any of the events throughout the year.

*Support:* Whether through donations or sponsorship, your support will help ensure the success of our celebrations and contribute to the future growth of our beloved school.

This is a momentous occasion for everyone connected with Rhenish Girls' High School. Together, we will commemorate 165 years of excellence, resilience, and leadership, while ensuring that the values and traditions that have defined our school continue to inspire generations to come.

We invite you to follow our newsletters, website, and social media platforms for further updates as we draw closer to this birthday milestone.

Let us come together in 2025 to celebrate Rhenish's past and work towards an even brighter future.