



GREY HIGH  
SCHOOL  
— *Tria Juncta in Uno* —

# SQUASH

PITCH DECK



# INTRODUCTION TO GREY HIGH SCHOOL

Grey High remains as one of the leading schools in the country, with a culture and value system that support its fine heritage. Grey is recognised for its competitiveness and excellence in academic, sporting and cultural activities, as well as its ability to consistently produce leaders.



## OUR MISSION

Grey High School is committed to educating students within a framework of Christian values, while respecting other beliefs.

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We offer a dynamic curriculum focused on academic excellence, life skills, leadership, and self-confidence.

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With top-class facilities, including academic, sporting, cultural, and boarding, we aim to nurture students to reach their full potential.

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We prioritize staff excellence, open communication with parents, and strong ties with our Grey Supporters Club network to ensure the school's financial and community well-being, while upholding our standards of excellence.

# GREY HIGH SCHOOL SPORTING GREATS



## CRICKET

Graeme and Peter Pollock are probably Grey's best known sportsmen, with Graeme having been voted South African Cricketer of the 20th Century. Other Grey High cricket legends: Gavin Cowley, Dave Callaghan, Wayne Parnell, Tristan Stubbs & Matthew Breetzke.



## SQUASH

Gerard Mitchell, remains part of the EP Jarvis Cup Team. Dean Venter, matriculated in 2021, is currently ranked 14th nationally. A recent career highlight for him was defeating South Africa's No. 5, JP Britz.



## RUGBY

Siyamthanda Kolisi - An old boy from the class of 2009 – two-time World Cup winning Springbok captain. Other Grey High Rugby legends: Michael Catt, World Cup winning England international. JJ Engelbrecht, Curwin Bosch, Jeremy Ward & Junior Pokomela - WP Stormers

OVERVIEW OF GREY HIGH SCHOOL'S

# SQUASH PROGRAM

Grey High School boasts a proud and competitive squash tradition, firmly established as one of the top school programs in South Africa. The squash squad is divided into two groups based on playing strength: the **A Group** and **B Group**, with both training twice a week. Players compete in **school derbies**, the **local schools league**, and many are active in the **men's club leagues**, gaining valuable external match experience.

The school has a **rich legacy of producing provincial and national-level talent**, with numerous players consistently representing **Eastern Province** at the annual **Inter Provincial Tournaments**. Grey also competes in the prestigious **Top Schools Tournament**, where the team achieved an impressive **4th place nationally in 2023**. With strong depth and continued development, the 2025 team is regarded as a serious contender for the national title.

Grey High School squash is known not just for its success, but also for cultivating a deep passion for the sport, commitment to excellence, and a strong team culture.



# FRAMEWORK OF TEAMS & CATEGORIES

The Top Schools Team is made up of the top six players on our internal leader board, which is determined through a combination of self-arranged challenge matches and the Eastern Province (EP) schools rankings. Derby clashes are primarily contested by our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> teams, as very few other schools have the depth to compete beyond that level. This highlights the strength of our overall squad and the depth we have developed through a strong training culture and internal competition.



# TOP SCHOOLS TOURNAMENT

Our primary goal is to claim victory at the prestigious Top Schools Tournament. This ambition reflects the dedication and passion of our players, who have trained tirelessly over the years. The team remains undefeated at both the Stayer's Festival in Cape Town (2023 and 2024) and the St. Andrew's Squash Festival in February 2025, showcasing their consistency and determination.



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# BENEFITS OF SQUASH



## BUILDS MENTAL TOUGHNESS AND FOCUS

Squash requires concentration, resilience, and calm decision-making, helping boys manage pressure and stay disciplined.



## DEVELOPS EXCEPTIONAL FITNESS

The sport improves endurance, speed, agility, and coordination, supporting strong overall physical health.



## RESPONSIBILITY AND SELF-BELIEF

As an individual sport played within a team environment, squash teaches boys to take ownership of their performance while building confidence and school pride.

# GREY HIGH SCHOOL SQUASH FACILITIES & COACHING STAFF



## SQUASH COURTS

- 2 Squash Courts
- Access to Old Grey Squash Courts



## MANAGEMENT & COACHING

The coaching staff comprises largely teachers, several of whom hold various portfolios (administrative, coaching, umpiring, managing) under the auspices of the EP Schools Squash Board.

**Angela Finlay** - *Teacher in Charge of Squash*

**Alan Stapleton** - A Team Coach

Has a record of provincial participation, coaching, both national, provincial and club coaching unparalleled in squash in South Africa.

**Dean Venter** - B Team Coach

U23 South African National Champion, professional squash player with over 19 years of competitive experience.



# GREY HIGH SQUASH

"Sportsmanship is the soul of Grey squash—without respect, there is no rivalry worth having."





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At Grey High Squash, it is the hard work and dedication of our young players, guided by committed and passionate staff, that truly define us. Through countless wins and tough losses, our team's unwavering passion for the game shines brightest. This passion fuels our pursuit of excellence and honours the rich legacy of Grey Squash — a legacy built on resilience, teamwork, and a deep love for this great sport.

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