

HISTORY OF FOURWAYS HIGH SCHOOL



HOW FOURWAYS HIGH SCHOOL EVOLVED

The Fourways area was originally a farm and the beautiful mansion that was built on the farm still stands today. It is appropriately named Norscot as the couple who owned the farm respectively came from Norway and Scotland, hence the name. Norscot Manor is just off Lesley Street, close to Fourways High School and is now used as a Community Centre.

The school was built in the eighties and due to very little development in the area at that time Fourways High was often called the "Farm School".

Mrs. Coney - a loved and devoted teacher at Fourways High, initially taught at our rival school Bryanston High. She recalls how Bryanston High jokingly sent the "Farm School" a chicken!

Back then, William Nicol Drive and Witkoppen Road used to be a fourway stop street. However, development and road improvements has resulted in Witkoppen becoming a wide fly-over spanning William Nicol which is now a multi-laned freeway.

The so called "Farm School" as Fourways High was known has developed into one of the most prestigious schools in Gauteng and was awarded Top School in 2007 and 2008 by the Gauteng Education Department.

OPENING OF FOURWAYS HIGH SCHOOL

FHS opened in 1988 with 145 students and 8 teachers. As the school was so small at that time, only the B Block was used and there were only Standard 6 (Grade 8) and Standard 7 (Grade 9) classes. The first matrics matriculated in 1991.

Initially there was no school uniform and the pupils came to school in civvies.

There were no lawns, gardens, trees or sports fields. Students, parents and teachers worked together to lay out gardens and plant trees and the plants and trees in the Quad are still the original ones planted at that time.

As the school grew in size, the following facilities were added on: A Block, the Auditorium, Pavilion and the Swimming Pool.

Garden of Remembrance

A few years after the school opened, it was decided to establish a Garden of Remembrance in honour of those who were part of Fourways High School at the time of their passing.

The first person on the Wall of Remembrance is Leon du Plooy. He was in Grade 9 when the school opened in 1988. At the time of his death on the 10th February 1991, he was in matric and was also a school counsellor.

PREVIOUS PRINCIPALS

Mr J.O.Henry - January 1988 to May 1989

Mr. M.R.Pike – 1989 to 1999

Mr. A.J.Botha – 1999 to 2002

Mrs.G.de Bruyn – 2003 to date

CURRENT HEADS

Principal – Mrs. G. de Bruyn

Deputy Principals – Mr. A. Holliday, Mr. G. Neilson and Mr. M. Elliott

ACADEMICS : Matric Awards

In the earlier years the subject teacher donated most of the subject trophies.

STAFF

Mr. Holliday started his teaching career at FHS in 1989. He left the school in 1993 and returned in 2000. Mr. Elliott and Mrs. Neumann have also been a part of the school since 1989.

SCHOOL BADGE

The design is the brainchild of Guy Jennings and the original badge represents the history of the Fourways area. The gable of Norscot Manor and the Four Way Crossing are depicted in the badge as well as the once abundant Poplar tree which flanked the badge.

In 2005 the new school badge was introduced and as the Poplar trees are alien and not indigenous they were omitted from the new badge.

SCHOOL MOTTO

The School's Motto is Semper Virtute which means **Strive for Excellence.**