

History of DHS Cricket

Acknowledgements

DHS is a great school and cricket is the sport in which it has always excelled. To produce good cricketers a school needs a cricket culture - something DHS has always had - from the ability of the coaches and the players to the necessary preparation of wickets on which to practice and play. This has resulted in DHS easily providing the highest number of cricketing Springboks and Proteas of all the schools in South Africa.

In 2013, the then newly appointed headmaster Leon Erasmus, gave an address to the Gauteng Old Boys at St Stithians on his hopes, plans and aspirations for the school. At this address I realised that with the school fast approaching its 150th anniversary in 2016, no one had catalogued the history and successes of the School at cricket. It took a period of time to gather this information and I would like to thank the following people for assisting me in this endeavour:

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Hopefully this website link will make all boys who participate in cricket at school proud of its achievements. For the Old Boys I believe it will bring back many happy memories. Going forward I trust that this link will stay alive and current through both pupils and old boys contributing anecdotes and pictures of their cricketing days at the school.

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