



Head's Letter 7/2026

31st July 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Subject: Term 2 – it continued to shine

The second half of Term 2 continued to shine just as brightly as the first, with an extraordinary range of events, activities and achievements across the school.

Shortly after returning from the midterm break, we held our annual Festival, which seems to grow bigger and better each year. *Mamma Mia!* on the Friday evening was undoubtedly one of the highlights. With more than 90 students involved in the production, and the incredible talent and commitment of our Performing Arts Department, the entire audience was laughing, singing and dancing in their seats throughout the show. I am not quite sure how we will improve on this in 2027, but I am reliably informed that plans are already being hatched!

The Festival also saw the official launch of the Trident College Alumni Association. It was wonderful to welcome so many former students back home and to hear them share their experiences and journeys with our current students during the “Ask the Expert” session. The sport, evening entertainment for parents and the student dance were also great successes. As always, the quiet walk down into the Game Park on Sunday morning for *breakfast in the bush* provided a lovely opportunity to spend special time with your children and to meet their friends and families.

The other major event during the second half of the term was the Educare Teacher Conference, where Trident College hosted the Secondary School and Leadership sections. This initiative, which brings together educators from private and government schools to share good practice, began only last year. It has already grown so significantly that the Primary School section was hosted separately at Sentinel Kabitaka this year. With more than 200 educators on our campus, all sharing ideas and learning from one another, it was an inspiring event. A huge thank you must go to our academic, administrative and support teams for organising such a successful conference and for helping to make a meaningful contribution to education across the North-Western Province.

Our students have also benefited from several excellent academic extension opportunities this term. We hosted the Regional STEM Fair, where many of our students performed extremely well, with several qualifying for the National STEM Fair next term. We also launched an exciting new partnership with Copperbelt University, welcoming four university students and a lecturer to Trident to conduct workshops and talks on robotics, drones, programming, information technology and related careers. It is through activities such as these that a genuine passion for a subject is developed, as students learn to apply their knowledge to real-world challenges.

Another exciting addition to our Trips and Tours programme is the Geography and Travel and Tourism trip to Switzerland during the upcoming holiday. This will give our students an exceptional opportunity to see many of the concepts they have studied brought to life and to apply their classroom learning in an international setting.

Our Outdoor Education team has also been extremely busy. During the midterm break, seven students completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's International Award expedition in the beautiful Mutinondo Wilderness. This was an arduous and demanding hike, and we look forward to presenting their awards at Valediction.

Our Year 11 students have also recently returned from their camp, which is focused on service and giving back to others. Groups visited Maheba Refugee Settlement and Thandi's Haven of Rest, where they contributed their time, energy and skills to supporting these communities. Our Year 11s



made us incredibly proud through their enthusiasm, compassion and willingness to serve, and they are already planning a Christmas party for the children at both Haven of Rest and Safe Haven.

On the sporting front, we were also extremely proud to co-host with Kansanshi Events the Zambian National Mountain Bike Championships. Our beautiful campus and surrounding trails provided a magnificent setting for such a prestigious event. Congratulations to the many Trident riders and staff members who participated and performed so well.

Following the Festival, the focus of the year naturally shifts more strongly towards academics. Our Year 11 students have completed their Mock Examinations and will receive comprehensive feedback to help them identify the areas they need to strengthen. I hope they will use some of the holiday productively so that they return ready for the final stage of their IGCSE preparation. Unfortunately, their reports cannot be issued at the moment due to the issue with EdAdmin (see letter from Educare Services earlier this week). As soon as EdAdmin is functional again, these reports will be published.

Our Year 12 and 13 students will return directly into their Mock Examinations next term, and they too should use the holiday wisely to prepare. The Cambridge examination timetable has moved earlier this year, with the first final examinations beginning in late September. Careful preparation during the holiday is essential.

An exciting development awaiting us next term is the opening of our new Junior Boys' Hostel. The finishing touches are currently being completed, and I think our junior boys are going to be delighted to live in such a beautiful and welcoming environment. The new hostel is an important addition to the school and reflects the continued growth of our community.

As we reach the end of another exceptionally busy and successful term, I would like to offer an enormous and heartfelt thank you to every member of our teaching, administrative and support staff. None of what we celebrate in this letter would be possible without their commitment, energy and care. Our teachers continue to inspire, challenge and support our students both inside and outside the classroom, while our administrative, boarding, catering, maintenance, grounds, transport, security, housekeeping, nursing and support teams work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that the school functions so effectively. Their contribution is extraordinary, and I am deeply grateful to every single person on the team.

Thank you also to you, our parents and families, for your continued support and partnership. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable holiday and look forward to welcoming our students back for an exciting and important Term 3.

Kind regards

Kate Cowling
Head



Key dates for Term 3:

August:

Mon 24th: Term 3 starts
Wed 26th: Mock examinations for Yr 12 and 13 start.
Thurs 27th: Yr 9 and 11 Subject Choice evenings (in person and online)

September:

Fri 4th: Mock examinations end
Mon 9th - Wed 11th: Yr 9 Camp
Sat 19th: AI Hackathon
Fri 25th: Yr 6 Move-up day and Educare Swimming Gala

October:

Mon 12th – Thurs 15th : Yr 10 Camp
Fri 16th: Awards Evening (Sports, Culture and Service)
Sat 17th – Sun 25th: MIDTERM BREAK

November:

Fri 13th: Valediction
Sat 14th: Leavers' Dinner
Mon 16th: Yr 11 Dance
Mon 16th: Internal Exams for Yrs 7 – 10 start.
Tues 24th: Internal Exams end
Thurs 26th: Term 3 ends
Fri 27th: Reports published



2027 TERM DATES

ENGAGE, ENLIGHTEN, EMPOWER

TERM 1		
	NEW PUPIL INDUCTION (for new pupils)	Saturday 9 January 2027
	TERM STARTS	Monday 11 January 2027
	MIDTERM BREAK (1 week)	Monday 8 – Friday 12 March 2027
	EASTER LONG WEEKEND (Public Holiday)	Friday 26 – Monday 29 March 2027
	TERM 1 ENDS	Friday 16 April 2027

TERM 2		
	TERM 2 STARTS	Monday 3 May 2027
	LONG WEEKEND (Public Holiday)	Saturday 22 – Tuesday 25 May 2027
	MIDTERM BREAK (1 week)	Monday 14 – Friday 18 June 2027
	TERM 2 ENDS	Friday 30 July 2027

TERM 3		
	TERM 3 STARTS	Monday 23 August 2027
	MIDTERM BREAK (1 week)	Monday 18 – Monday 25 October 2027
	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR PUPILS (End of Term 3)	Thursday 25 November 2027



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