



KIMBERLEY HALL REPORT 2019

Introduction:

This year has been a very busy and productive year for Kimberley Hall. We had a lot going on and with the tension around campus that was brought about by the influx of gender-based violence in South African Universities it has put everyone at the University on edge and in a bad state of mind.

Speaking about challenges Kimberley Hall had many hopes to have our Annual Kimberley Hall Environmental Fashion show but could not have this event due to timing issues it could unfortunately not happen.

A) Encourage potential and cultivate academic success and excellence:

We at Kimberley Hall have a Tutor programme that we started called 'The Big Sister/Brother' system. Where the more mature students help each other academically and volunteer to give time of themselves to help their fellow students in the Residence that has a problem with some academic subjects.

The system went very well, but there are definitely and always room for improvement, especially when you might get some students that are too shy to ask for help. The 2019 Academic Reps have agreed to put up posters in the Residences and encourage students to attend these tutor session with the times and venue stipulated on the poster.

The Hall had an Academic Talk held in our dining hall and a few students attended it. Our aim for next year is to make use of the Rhodes Library Academic and Tutoring programmes and talks. We would like to invite more Academic guest speakers to our dining hall as well.



Figure 1: Students Attending Academic Talk in the dining hall.

B) Development ethical Leaders and responsible citizens:

Our year started with the Wardens, Sub Wardens, Hall Head Students, SRC Hall Rep and Hall Fellows attending a Leadership camp at Woodlands Cottages for two days. This proved to be a very successful camp where we had multiple discussion and talks about what our plans for Kimberley Hall for this year entails. A lot of team building activities as well as multiple team building strategies were discussed, worked through, and shared amongst the different portfolios. It was also a very good exercise to get to know everybody and. We got very close and were having fun around the braai fire.

We returned to Grahamstown where a whole week of compulsory, intense training including Leadership skills and ethics were discussed. This training was arranged by the Director of Students affairs for the whole House Leadership teams. Various guest speakers and trained staff are invited to grace our Leadership teams with their expertise and advice.



Figure 2: Leadership Camp

C) Value and Celebrate diversity

The Kimberley Hall Moto is 'Brining out the best in each other'. We were so proud when the 1st years arrived. They were welcomed with singing and dancing to make them feel at home. Many of our students went with the 1st years to join their picnic that was arranged by the SRC.



Figure 3: SRC Picnic

Another highlight was our very own Hilltop 9 women winning the first price in the RU Jamming contest. It was a very special moment for us as the whole Hall went to go support them.



Figure 4: House Leadership showing support for Hilltop 9 RU Jamming function.

As part of our Community Engagement project, the Hall Committee visited a pre-school in Riebeeck East. To have a braai and play with the little children, teachers and parents. We booked a bus and bought braai packs and some refreshments and the Wardens made tasty salads to go with the meat. The children were playing and interacted with our students. All of them had a fantastic day. This has been an amazing experience and a lot of fun for both the pre-schoolers and our Kimberley Hall students.





Figure 5: Pre-school visit in Riebeeck East

D) Promote Personal Growth and Resilience:

The Wellness Reps this term concentrated on raising spiritual wellness. An event was held at Ste Biko Building RA room where students could discuss issues around spiritual wellbeing and having positive energy around them that would lead to a health emotional and physical lifestyle. This year we unfortunately had an increase in the number of reported mental health-related issues at two of our Residences. The Leadership team always make sure to give all students in the Residence the information of the Counselling Centre and encourage them to make use of the service they offer should they need to.

The idea that Rosa Parks has is that they would like to work hand in hand with the Transformation Rep next year, and host events especially during Wellness week. They would like to make students aware and have talks about issues around life at Rhodes and at Residence Level and Academic Level. We believe Rhodes should be a safe learning and living space. 'Home away from Home'. Consent talks was held and all our Residences attended these talks.

E) Cultivating sporting participation and excellence:

All Residences participated in the Inter Res activity. De Beers purchased a soccer kit, as they are very passionate about their soccer. Goldfields is also involved in Soccer. Rosa Parks and Hilltop 9 are involved in Volleyball and Netball. Below are pictures of all sporting activities that the Hall enjoy and they are always involved in them.





Figure 6: Sporting participation on campus

Final Remark:

A lot has been done and dealt with at Kimberley Hall for 2019 thus far. We plan to do a lot more and will definitely have our Annual Spectacular Environmental Fashion Show next year, where students come to model with dresses/clothes they make out of empty plastic bottles, black paper refuse bags, toilet paper holders etc. This is definitely not an event to be missed and has always proved to be successful and well attended.

The strength of Kimberley Hall is that we all stick together and help each other out whenever the need arise. We are definitely making sure that our Hall is a safe ‘home away from home’, and that we bring out the best in each other.

I have included the pictures below where Goldfields Residence went to the dining hall on Mother’s day to spoil the mothers, which was a very special moment for the mothers.



Figure 7: students spoiling mothers in the dining hall on Mother’s day.



Figure 8: De Beers and Goldfields taking a picture to show what we at Kimberley Hall are all out.