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WETPUPS ANTI-RACISM STATEMENT

Wetpups does not exist in a vacuum. We are a part of society and, as such, are equally impacted by events that unfold around us. We have watched in horror as black people in South Africa and abroad have been killed by police brutality. We recognise the systemic racism and specifically the cheapening of black lives which gives rise to such violence. In our own backyard, school children past and present are sharing heartbreaking stories of experiencing racism in schools. These accounts are painful and real. We cannot be silent at this time.




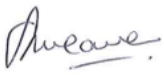
As a school we reject racism and are committed to anti-racism. We acknowledge the pain and suffering that many have gone through and how all of these events have hurt members of our Wetpups community and many in society. We acknowledge the fact that we are nowhere near where we need to be as a school from a transformation perspective. Whilst work is ongoing in this space, we recognise and accept the urgency to make the necessary shifts.

We acknowledge as a school that racist actions and behaviours have happened and we are intent on rectifying failures in our approach. The Board, the Inclusivity and Awareness Committee and the School Leadership are committed to eradicating our school of all forms of bigotry, racism and discrimination, and have been working on several initiatives to address transformation at Wetpups. We will communicate more in this regard as we make progress.

We wish to reiterate our commitment to non-racialism and transformation.

Wetpups rejects all forms of racism.

Signed by Members of the Board of Governors:

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