

Dear Grade 10 Epic Parents

Epic takes place from 21 November – 5 December, this year, for your son. This event is part of the Bishops curriculum.

Epic is charged in three instalments – at the end of terms 1, 2 and 3 – totalling R18 900 (a 5% increase on the 2022 cost).

As I am sure you are aware, exchange candidates will only be chosen later this term. If your son is chosen for exchange in term 4, then charges for Epic will be reversed on your son's account, because he cannot do both. Boys who are on Alan Gray and Legacy bursaries do not pay the R18 900 for Epic.

On the Bishops College website, there is a link to tell you all about Epic. Or click here: [Bishops Diocesan College](#).

I am going to try and send just six emails about Epic in the course of the year. These emails will also be linked to the Epic website under 'Parent Communication and Documents'. Last year's letters are still all there for your perusal.

You are invited to attend an Epic briefing on **Tuesday 25 April at 6pm in the Memorial Theatre (parents, not boys)**. This will be on the same day as the grade 10 Parents' reception, which follows at 7pm, so you can kill two birds with one stone.

It is important to attend this Epic meeting to try and understand the vital role you will play in the success of your son's Epic experience and to understand details like the last night, safety, kit, the correct footwear, food and cost – it will hopefully prevent last minute confusion and help you and your son prepare appropriately for what should be a wonderful experience.

There are two dates we would like you to diarize now. The first is **Friday 17 November at 12.30** for the 'Blessing of the Boots' Service, when we 'send' the boys off into the wilderness and the second is **Tuesday 5 December – for the fathers' (or significant paternal figure) and sons' last night** (you can leave Cape Town at 12pm on Tuesday and be back in the office before 10am on Wednesday).

It would be great if you could do the following two things before 25 April:

Firstly, log into your son's profile on MyBishopsLife and update his medical, dietary and allergy records. This has to be done, even if details remain unchanged, as it will only reflect on the Bishops side once the necessary submit button has been pressed. It should not take more than a couple of minutes.

Please sign the indemnity form attached [Here](#) and return it on the night of the Epic address in hard copy or email it to nlewis@bishops.org.za in the interim. This document has to be signed by one parent. Your signature also confirms that you have visited the website and filled in the correct medical details for your son and are thus aware of the potential risks

associated with sending your son on Epic.

After the talk, it would be good if you communicated with me via email about any serious concerns (medical or otherwise) you may have wrt your son doing Epic. There will also be a questions and answers opportunity at the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

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