

Dear BRSC Members,

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2026 rugby season.

As the Bishops Rugby Supporters Club, we are excited to begin another year supporting Bishops Rugby, our players, coaches, and families, both on and off the field.

Thank you to retiring committee members

The new season brings some changes to the BRSC committee after two successful years. We extend our sincere thanks to our retiring members for their dedication and service: Ian Marr, Rachel and Lindsay Cowan, David and Madeleine Le Feuvre, and Kevin Skillicorn. Your contribution to the BRSC has been greatly valued.

Pre-season update

Pre-season training is already well under way, with all age groups scheduled to be fully up and running by the end of this week. The 2026 fixture list is attached for your reference. Please note that fixtures may change or be added, particularly with touring teams visiting later in the year.

Key dates for Term 1

- Wynberg Festival, 13 to 15 March
- WP Rugby Schools Day, DHL Stadium, First XV, 17 March
- Bishops vs St Andrew's, 26 March, featuring U14A, U15A, U16A, 2nd XV and 1st XV

A special highlight in Term 2 will be the inaugural full rugby tour to Hilton College. All teams and staff will travel on Friday, 24 April, with fixtures taking place on Saturday, 25 April.

Grade 8 parents information evening

The BRSC will host a formal welcome and information session for all new Grade 8 rugby parents.

Venue: Heatlie Pavilion

Date: Tuesday, 10 February

Time: 17h30 to 18h30 or 19h00, following U14 practice

Parents will be offered a complimentary beer or glass of wine, and the boys will receive a soft drink and boerie roll.

BRSC Membership Renewals for 2026

We are pleased to offer a special early renewal rate for all 2025 members. For the next month only, you can renew your membership at last year's prices before the standard 2026 rates take effect.

Renewal options:

- Single Membership renewal: R1,000
- Couple or Family Membership renewal: R2,000

Make your payment online: <https://pay.yoco.com/bishops-rugby-supporters-club>

Your name and details will be matched to the membership database.

Your membership is a vital contribution to supporting and strengthening the Bishops Rugby programme. By renewing, you show your loyalty to Bishops Rugby and help us continue to support our boys and coaches, while improving facilities and the overall rugby experience.

The BRSC plays an important role in building a vibrant rugby community. We organise events such as the Bishops Rugby Dinner, Q&A evenings with rugby personalities, and we proudly run the Bar Liki Bar at the Heatlie Pavilion after home games.

We encourage all current members to take advantage of this renewal period and remain part of the Bishops Rugby family for the 2026 season. More details on new memberships will follow shortly.

Season launch

The official Rugby Season Launch and First Team announcement will take place on 10 March and is open to all parents. Briars and the BRSC will once again be running the Heatlie Bar.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you back to the fields and to another memorable season together.

Kind Regards

Bishops Rugby Supporters Committee