

Raine Pettipher



I'm an Educational Psychologist with a keen interest in developing and supporting inclusive and health-promoting schools. This means that in my work I focus not only on the learner (who is often the client) but on the development of all the role players including teachers, families and peers to ensure optimal learning for all and self actualisation. Integral to this is the vital role that sports plays in the development of the child and adolescent, which is the portfolio I would like to represent on the Governing Body. Sports in a school setting, while having multiple physical, social and mental benefits enhances inclusivity and builds resilience. Sport is fundamental to the educational curriculum and therefore its policies and their implementation require continuous examination and alignment with the core vision and mission of the school.

Educational settings has and continues to be the focus of my career and work experience which started as a high school teacher in English and History, and over the years has included:

- Lecturing Educational Psychology students in Learning Support and Inclusive Education at the University of Johannesburg and Stellenbosch,
- Supervision of Educational Psychology intern students,
- Whole school evaluations of Inclusive schools
- Teacher and parent workshops
- Author and co-author of articles and chapters on educational change, the changing roles of principals and educators, bullying and teachers' barriers to implementing inclusion.
- Private Practitioner

I am married to Clive, a physician. We have 3 daughters. Kyla matriculated from Rhenish in 2020 and is studying Veterinary Nursing. Amy is in Grade 11 and Jenna in Grade 9. They are both involved in multiple sporting and cultural activities at Rhenish. As a family we've

experienced first-hand, the inevitable highs and lows of school sports. We are all too familiar with the disheartening impact of sports injuries, the time, grit and commitment it takes to achieve, the disappointment of not being selected or losing, the advantages of teamwork, and the excitement of receiving awards and having done your very best. Throughout this parenting journey I have learned important lessons in advocacy, participation, setting realistic goals, encouragement and of course, humility.

I believe that my professional knowledge and skills as a psychologist as well as my personal experiences can greatly assist the Rhenish Sports Department in facilitating participation and developing healthy, all rounded learners who value the importance of lifelong exercise.