



# Oakhill School Sports Facilities Investment Upgrade

It has been just over six years since Oakhill School purchased 17 hectares of land in the rural suburb of Welbedacht as its first step in developing world-class sporting facilities for its pupils.

We have used the forced gap in sporting activity due to Covid-19 to review our offering and update our strategy for the next five years. One of the outcomes from this review was to introduce a tiered structure for our sports. Our aim is to invest in upgrading our facilities for our Tier 1 (water polo and hockey) and Tier 2 (netball, tennis, cricket, rugby and soccer) offerings.

There are four designated projects which we are extremely excited to get off the ground this year:

1. The deepening of the **swimming pool** on our school campus to allow us to host water polo matches
2. The construction of **multi-purpose courts** for tennis and netball at our Oakhill Sports Campus (OSC)
3. The construction of a **dam** for water harvesting and water polo training at the OSC
4. Additional **sports storage, gazebo and technical area** alongside the existing cricket nets at the OSC

The modifications to the existing clubhouse at the OSC have already been completed this year. The extended roof with paving provides additional covered seating and shelter from the elements.

We have already secured a proportion of the funds required and are looking for further donations. If you are interested in assisting by means of a soft loan or donation, please contact us to set up a meeting:

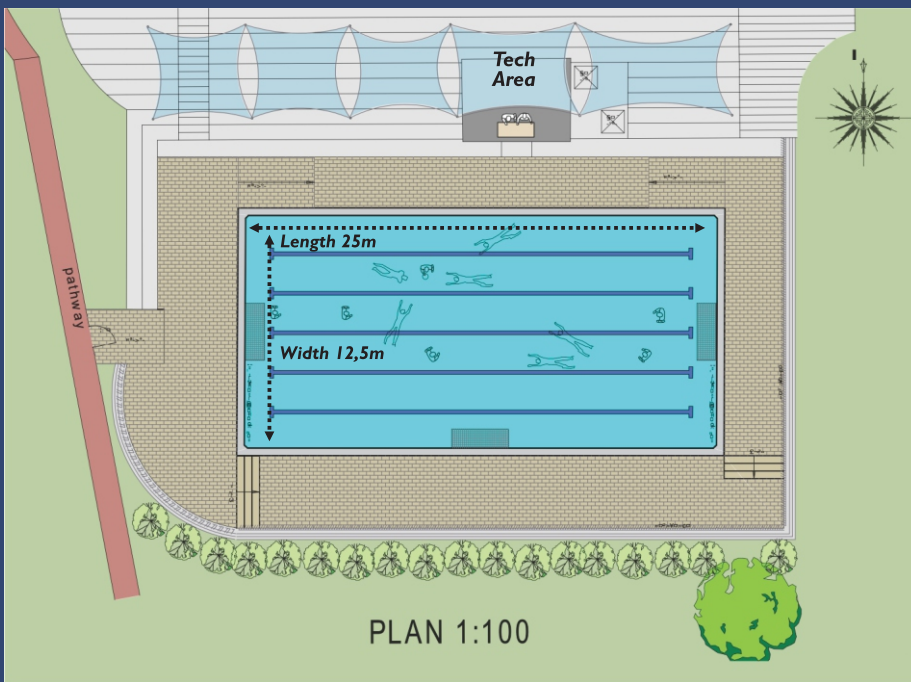
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# Short-term Project WATER POLO POOL

Water polo is the premier summer sport at Oakhill and certainly the one sport, in addition to hockey, where Oakhill holds its own against any school in the country. In 2019, pre-Covid, Oakhill sported ten water polo sides across both Prep and College, with over 20 pupils selected for provincial teams and two College pupils selected for the national training squad. Our annual Chukka Festivals are a highlight among schools across the country and attract over 40 teams and countless spectators who travel to Knysna to participate in these festivals.

Without a suitable water polo pool, our competitive water polo games have historically been played in the Knysna estuary. The upgrade to our current swimming pool on the school campus will enable us to continue to grow our water polo legacy well into the future.



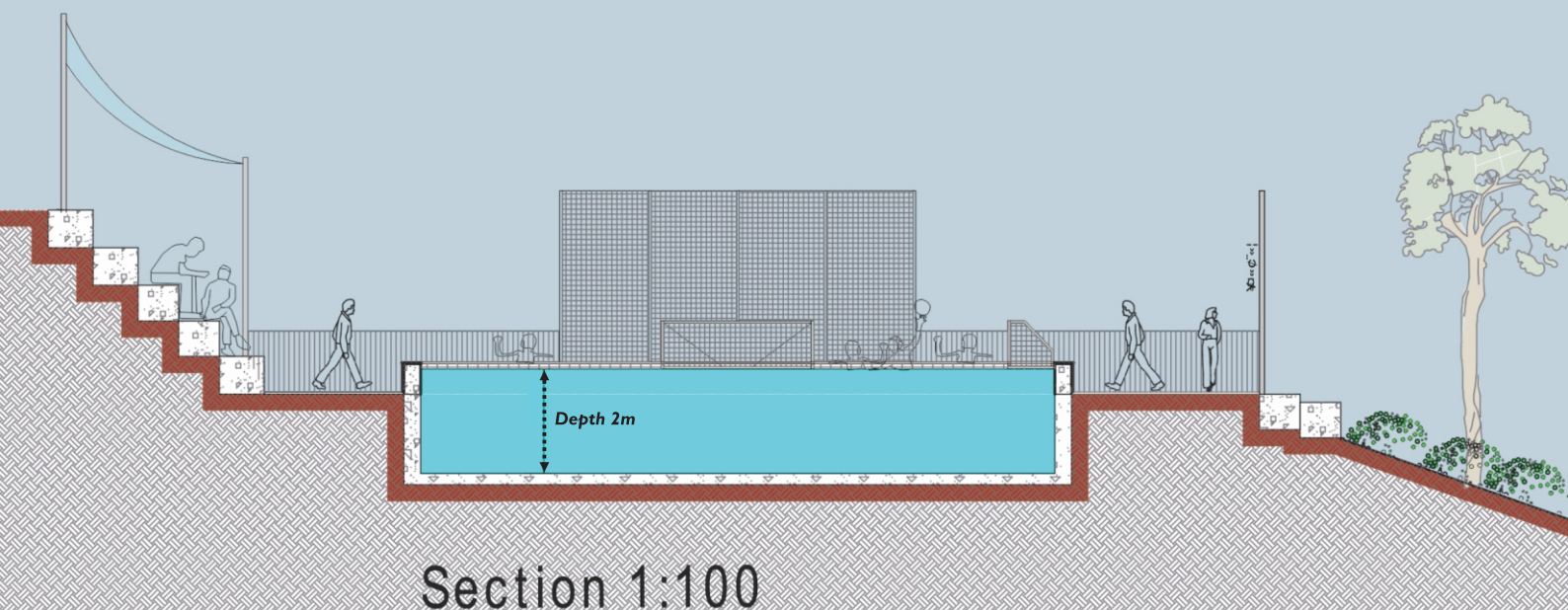
**TOTAL COST R1 100 000**

**STRUCTURAL R400 000**

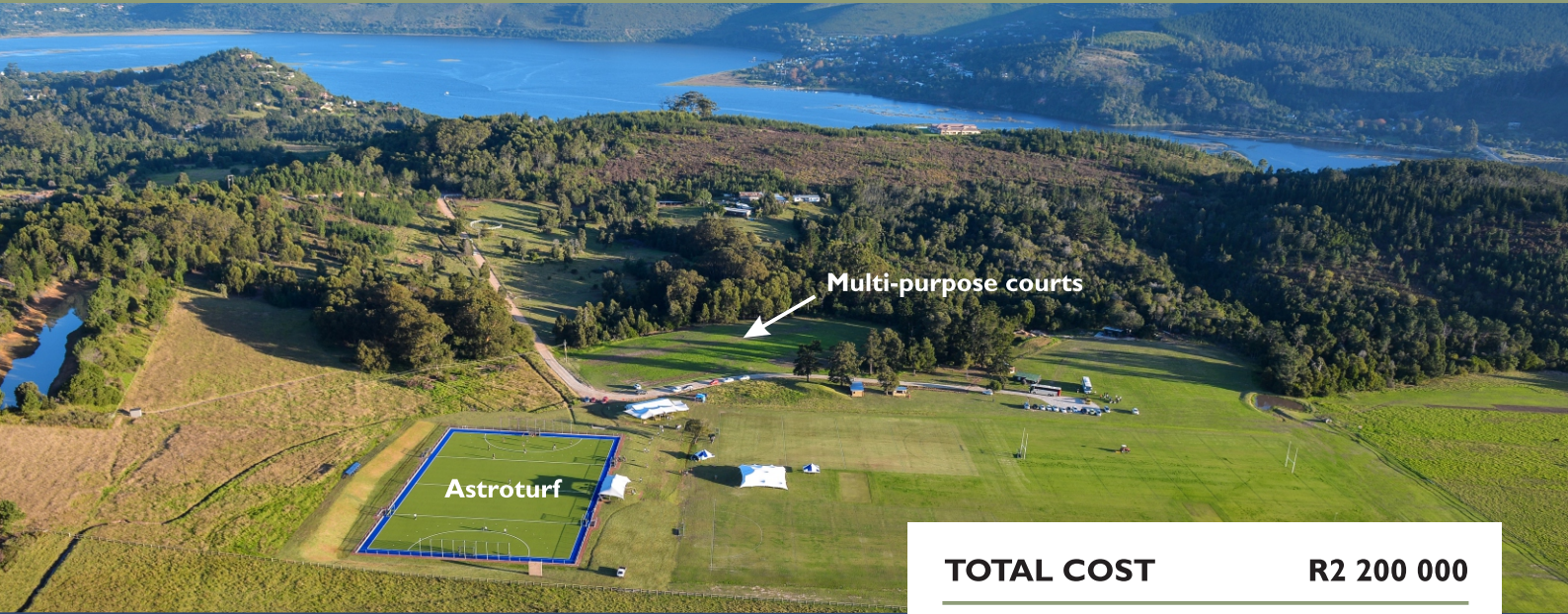
- **New concrete ring beam**  
(depth 2m, length 25m, width 12.5m)
- Commercial specification **plumbing**
- **Pool pumps**
- **Filters**
- **Chlorinators**  
(improved pool filtration and reduced chlorine usage)
- Improved **heat pumps and pool blanket system**  
(for extended playing times - Spring / Autumn)

**FINISHES R700 000**

- New **removable swim platform** for junior swimmers
- Upgraded fencing and a **larger paved area** around the pool to allow for easy movement during competition
- **Upgraded tech area** on the pump room roof with balustrades
- **New back boards** for shooting practice
- **Upgraded pool coping and tiling** for improved pool area aesthetics



# Short-term Project MULTI-PURPOSE COURTS



The construction of three multi-purpose courts at the OSC will enable us to grow netball and tennis. Netball has always been a firm favourite amongst girls at Oakhill, particularly in the Prep school grades, where a number of our teams have reached the regional league finals and also emerged as champs! Tennis has also remained a popular sport in both Prep and College, with a number of our pupils achieving provincial rankings in their age groups over the years. The completion of the tennis courts will mean that we will be able to host tournaments at the OSC.

**TOTAL COST** **R2 200 000**

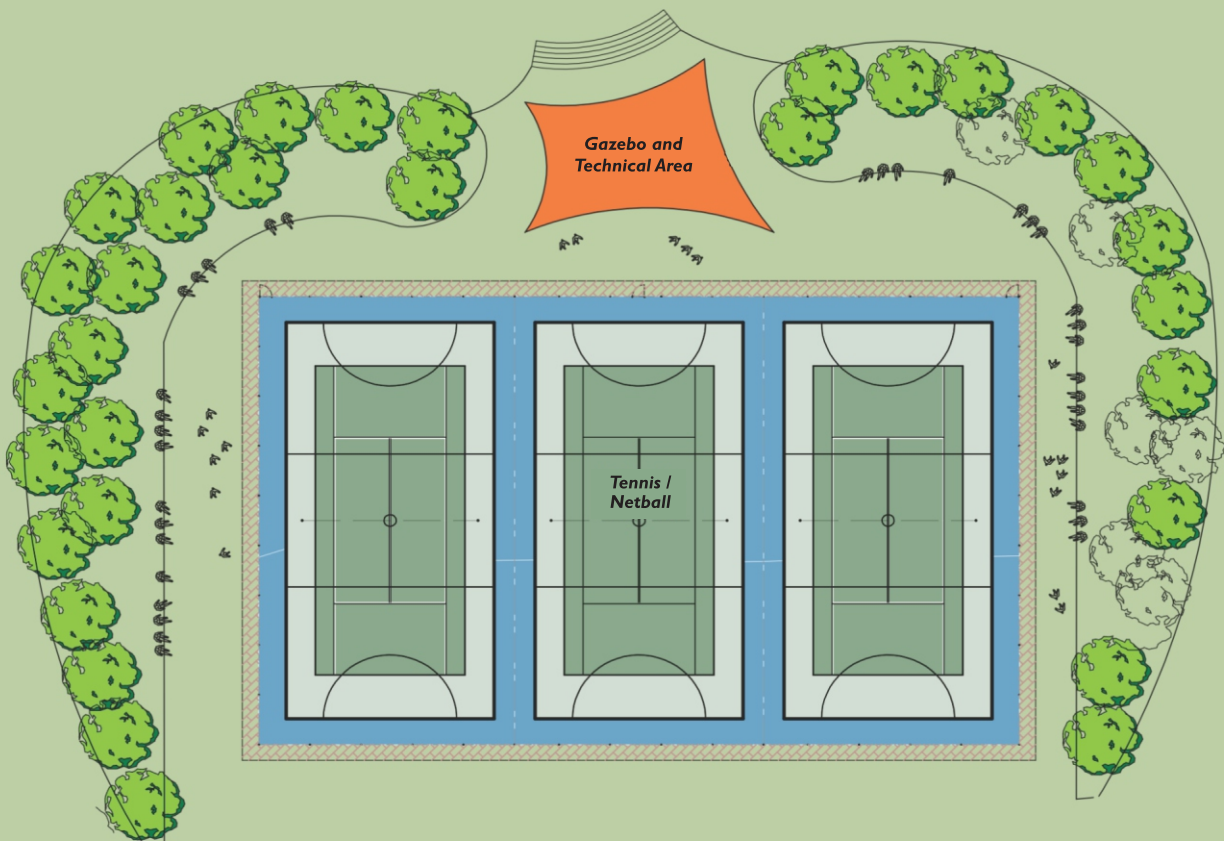
**EARTHWORKS** **R710 000**

- Cut / fill / dam wall R510 000
- Landscaping R100 000
- Place and compact R100 000

**COURTS x 3** **R980 000**

**FINISHES** **R510 000**

- Subsoil drains R200 000
- Fencing R110 000
- Clubhouse / Tech area R90 000
- Practice wall (10m x 3m) R40 000
- Paving (1m all round) R70 000



# OVERVIEW OF PROJECTS

## Completed, short-term, medium-term and long-term



■ **Currently completed (OSC)** Astroturf with tech area, Changerooms, Clubhouse with pergola, Cricket pitches, Cricket nets, Hockey fields, Mountain biking track, Rugby fields, Tuckshop  
■ **Short-term projects (2021)** *School campus:* Swimming pool upgrade; *OSC:* Extended roof and paving at Clubhouse, Dam, Sports store and Cricket tech area, Tennis/Netball courts with tech area  
■ **Medium-term projects (OSC)** Boarding House  
■ **Long-term projects (OSC)** Swimming pool and Indoor centre

