

# Timeline

- 1964** Houses along Innes Road, having been bought earlier in the 1960s, are demolished followed by the laying of a cricket field – now known as the Kevin Whitehead Oval.
- 1974** The Jubilee Hall is built on the old playground and is named to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of the school.
- 1977** The first children of colour are enrolled in the Preparatory School – thus defying Apartheid legislation at the time.
- 1980** Mr Sutcliffe retires and Mr Thomas Seymour takes over the school.
- 1984** Mr Seymour retires and Mr Kevin Whitehead takes the reins of the Prep School.
- 1988** Property next to the Jubilee Hall is purchased. Now called Heritage House, the building was originally used for Prep Music but later given over to use as classrooms for the College.
- 2001** First Grade R group is enrolled at Clifton.
- 2002** Mr Brian Mitchell is appointed to head the Preparatory School on the retirement of Mr Whitehead. College is opened on 23 January with 12 Grade 8s in what has become known as Founders' House. Mr Michael Thiel is appointed as first Headmaster of the College.
- 2004** Mr Mitchell is appointed as first Executive Headmaster of the whole school.
- 2006** First Grade 12 class matriculates.
- 2012** First Grade R Class of 2001 matriculates.
- 2017** Mr Mitchell retires in July and is replaced by Mr David Knowles from January 2018. Mitchell Square is opened on the old site of the Preparatory School classrooms and science laboratories.
- 2018** Uzalo House is opened in the College.



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## CLIFTON HERITAGE TRAIL

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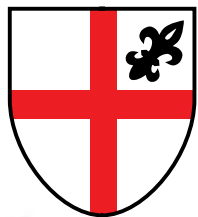


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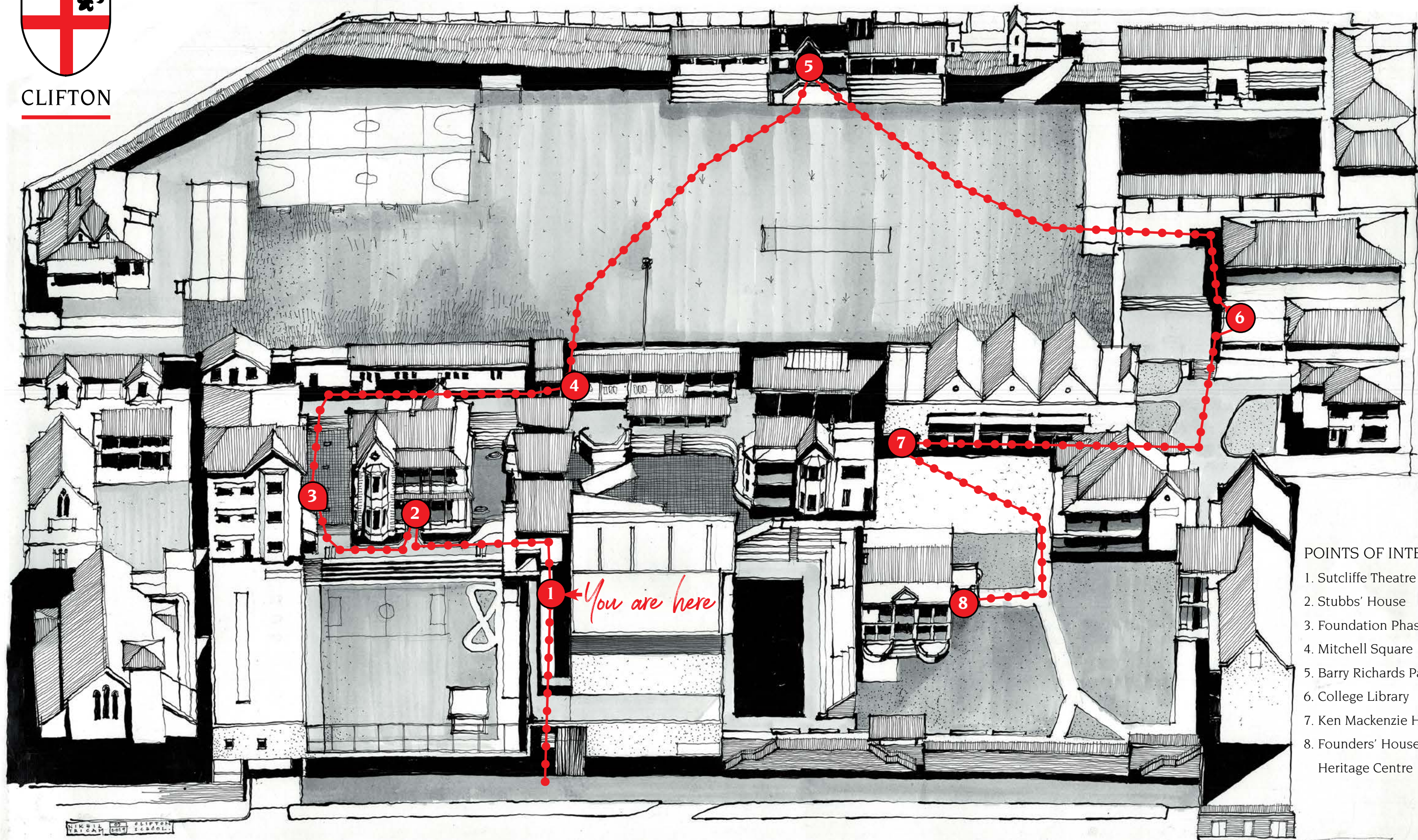
- 1924** Mr Stubbs' school opens with 12 students in the family home on 5 February. The school is named 'Clifton' after Mr Stubbs' nephew Clifford Plimsoll who had passed away in 1919.
- 1927** Four new classrooms are built on land next to 102 Lambert Road, now forming the core of the Junior Primary Block.
- 1937** Kenneth Haworth, an Oxford graduate and Hilton College master, purchases the school from Mrs Stubbs.
- 1938** The current school badge and motto is introduced by Mr Haworth, with red as an additional school colour. The rugby strip of black and white is also introduced.
- 1941** The swimming pool is opened – only the third of its kind in Durban.
- 1942** Anthony 'Tim' Sutcliffe, a Cambridge graduate and Hilton College master, is recruited by Mr Haworth. 'Spring Grove' is bought and becomes the site of Clifton Nottingham Road as a response to a perceived threat of attack on Durban during the Second World War. Mr Sutcliffe remains behind to look after the Durban school.
- 1944** Safari suits are introduced as the school uniform.
- 1946** Mr Haworth retires and is replaced by Mr Jenks at Clifton Nottingham Road whilst Mr Sutcliffe continues to head the Durban school.
- 1947** A Schools' Trust is founded to manage the two schools.
- 1956** A half-acre plot is purchased next to 102 Lambert Road as a playground for the Prep School boys. A Classroom block is built with funding from the Oppenheimer Trust.
- 1959** The school purchases a hall from the Baptist Church and it is used for assemblies and concerts until 1974 when it became a classroom block that is still in use today.







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#### POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Sutcliffe Theatre
2. Stubbs' House
3. Foundation Phase Block
4. Mitchell Square
5. Barry Richards Pavilion
6. College Library
7. Ken Mackenzie Hall
8. Founders' House and Heritage Centre

#### WELCOME TO CLIFTON!

Clifton Preparatory School opened its doors on 5 February 1924 in the home of Mr Harry Stubbs, which was on a one hectare site of only one acre. With subsequent expansion and the development of the College in 2002, the school is now spread over an extensive campus occupying most of the block bounded by Lambert, Venice, Innes and Rosetta Roads.

As you wander along our Heritage Trail, you will journey through our history – passed buildings, across quadrangles and over fields. You may even hear the voices of gallant men of old!

The trail map will lead you to various points of interest at which you will find heritage panels explaining the history of the school in relation to your surroundings. Be on the lookout for the red plaques dotted along the way, which serve as reminders of past events and commemorate some significant Old Boys.

Following the trail at a leisurely pace and allowing for exploring some of the public spaces will take about one hour. The total distance is about 400 metres and includes some steps.

*Come, walk with us!*

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