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Glen Austin transforms

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From the start of the 2025 academic year, Glen Austin High School will be known as Glen Austin House.

This is as the Glen Austin-based school in Midrand celebrates 10 years of academic excellence.

Glen Austin House will cater for learners from grades RR to 12. The school is owned by the SPL Group and senior manager Antoinette Engelbrecht said the Glen Austin House Early Childhood Edu-Centre would cater for learners in grades RR to 1, the Preparatory School, grades 1 to 7, and the House, grades 8 to 12.

She said they were thrilled to announce that they were re-branding, marking a significant milestone in its evolution.

“The re-branding marks an exciting chapter in our history. Glen Austin House represents our continued pursuit of excellence, innovation and community through quality education.

“We are proud to embark on this new journey while honouring our heritage,” said Engelbrecht.

She added this re-branding reflected the school’s growth, expansion and dedication to innovative education while maintaining its legacy and values.

Engelbrecht reassured former school alumni that the name change would not affect academic records, academic qualifications and other notable achievements would remain unchanged.

“As we celebrate 10 incredible years of growth and learning, we express our heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support. Your trust, encouragement, and partnership have made Glen Austin High the thriving school it is today.

“Our new chapter as Glen Austin House is exciting, but we assure you that our commitment to academic excellence and innovation remains unshakeable. We are still the same dedicated team, driven by the same passion.”

Engelbrecht invited all their stakeholders to continue working with the school in continued quality private education services.



SPL Group senior manager Antoinette Engelbrecht with teacher Obert Sabau.



The IIE's Varsity College Waterfall volunteers and VC Cares Committee members visit the Society for Animals in Distress to donate essential animal items.

When all's Said and done, it's a win

To celebrate World Animal Day in early October, a group of volunteers from The IIE's Varsity College Waterfall, along with the VC Cares Committee, visited the Society for Animals in Distress (Said).

Said is an essential organisation that provides medical care for injured and rescued animals, including domestic pets and livestock such as sheep, pigs, horses, chickens, and donkeys.

Its mission highlights the importance of compassion for all animals in distress, regardless of species.

In honour of World Animal Day, the VC Cares Committee encouraged students to donate essential supplies for the animals at Said.

Donations included high-quality animal food, cosy blankets, plush toys, and pre-loved clothing, all of which are greatly appreciated.

After delivering their donations, students participated in an educational tour of the Said facility, led by administration manager Sally-Jayne Tagg, who shared insights about the organisation's operations.

Students explored the animal hospital and interacted with the caring staff, and met some of the animals receiving medical attention.

They also visited the living quarters of the rescued animals, gaining a deeper understanding of their care environment, and learned about the facility's charity shop, which supports fundraising efforts.

One student, Aksi Avinesh Maghoo, pursuing a higher certificate in mobile application and web development, shared his motivation for volunteering.

“I decided to volunteer at the Society for Animals in Distress because I love animals and want to positively impact their lives,” said Maghoo.

“I donated pet food, which is always in high demand, and I plan to continue supporting the facility with donations. The experience was heartwarming and eye-opening.

“The staff and other volunteers were incredibly supportive and knowledgeable, making it even more fulfilling.

I encourage other students to volunteer.”