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**Super Supporters:** Members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane High Rise find new ways to support St Jude's Student Art Program



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# Breaking New Grounds with St Jude's Student Art Program

For the first time, artworks made by students from St Jude's will be displayed in Australia.

If you visit The School of St Jude today, you will be ushered into a newly completed Art Gallery, a colourful room that features student artworks, artistic creations, and artefacts. It is a place of jaw-dropping beauty for every visitor who comes to the school and serves as a vivid introduction of the school's thriving Student Art Program.

"I was in awe," says Noela, a long-term supporter of St Jude's during her recent visit to the Art Gallery. "It was difficult to take in the transformation of what was a dull classroom space into a vibrant hub full of colourful, amazing art. I was speechless – and I'm not usually known for that!" she confesses.

The thrilling experience inspired Noela to want to support the art program and started thinking of ways she could help the emerging artists. She came up with a brilliant idea.



Women Behind the Work: Alicia (Above) and Noela (Bottom) teamed up to facilitate the display of St Jude's art in Australia.



New Favourite Place: One of the student artists, Emanuel, poses for a picture in front of his artwork during the launch of St Jude's Art Gallery in March 2023.





**Super Supporters:** Noela (seventh from right) with some members of the Rotary Club Brisbane High Rise in a group photo at St Jude's during a visit in early 2023.

“Over 90% of all St Jude’s sponsorships come from Australia,” says Noela. “So I thought, why not bring some of the student art pieces with me for display in Australia!” she adds.

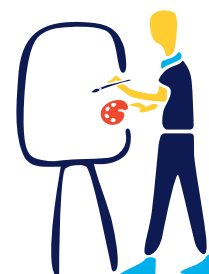
Coincidentally, just two months away, the Rotary Club of Brisbane High Rise in conjunction with other Rotary clubs are going to relaunch a major art show event for the first time since the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2020. The art show is meant to raise valuable funds to support various Rotary community projects as well as contributing to the development of many emerging artists.

“It was just the perfect timing and place to display St Jude’s art,” says Noela.

Alicia, St Jude’s Student Art Program Coordinator, helped to curate several student artworks that would be displayed at the art show in Australia. Altogether, 19 unique pieces of artwork from talented students at St Jude’s were selected and successfully transported to Australia ahead of the art show.

“This is a big win for the St Jude’s Art Program and a testament to our students’ creative abilities,” says Alicia. “The program was chiefly started as a way to recognise the thriving artistic abilities of our students, and it has since taken off – earning local and international recognition,” she adds.

The Brisbane Art Show is slated to take place from 17 July until 22 July 2023 and will feature about 300 professionally curated artworks. Among them will be artworks from students at The School of St Jude in Tanzania. All proceeds from the artworks will go back into the program to provide even better opportunities for emerging artists whilst 10% of the funds will go back to the student creator of the art.



By supporting St Jude’s Art program, you are not only fostering the creative expression of students through art, but you are also helping with the fight against poverty. **Order your art today!**







**Fruits of Their Labour:** Winkista (left) and Agneta (right) proudly show off the papaw fruits from the garden.

# Entrepreneurs Of The Next Generation

**Students at St Jude's Girls' Secondary School are learning how to approach their creativity with a business mindset.**

Every day on her way to school, Winkista walks beside a small garden at the edge of St Jude's Girls' Secondary School Campus. The mere sight of the flourishing papaw, mango, and avocado fruits at the garden gives her a sense of joy, pride, and motivation to start her day.

"I love the elegance and beauty of plants and vegetation," says Winkista, a student at St Jude's Girls' Secondary School. "So having a garden as the first thing that I see when walking to school is simply the best way to start the day," she adds.

At St Jude's, Winkista's love and passion for gardening found its place at the Entrepreneurship Club, one of the 12 extracurricular clubs where students can join and develop a variety of skills and knowledge in different fields. At the club, she interacts with like-minded students with similar interests and learns the entrepreneurial side of agriculture.

"It is really interesting that I could one day turn my passion into a source of income," says Winkista. "I have been hearing a lot about the huge potential in agriculture but being at the club has helped me realise this in a practical way. It is one of those things that are best learned when doing," she adds.

In Tanzania, agriculture plays a crucial role in the economy. According to data from USAID, Tanzania's agriculture sector contributes nearly one-third of the country's GDP and employs nearly 75% of the population. As the main source of food, nutrition, income and employment for the majority, especially rural populations, agriculture holds a lot of potential to increase incomes and improve livelihoods.

"When the Entrepreneurship Club was started, we knew it had to involve agriculture because it is one of the largest sectors in Tanzania," reflects Ms Osempia, a teacher at St Jude's and one of the founders and mentors of the club. "Although students can still learn about entrepreneurship in many other ways, agriculture remains one of the



easiest and most affordable entry points for would-be entrepreneurs because of the vast amount of opportunities available in the sector,” she adds.

Ms Osepmia coordinates with fellow mentors of the club to create a learning structure, and guidance, and oversee all projects under the club.

“We train our students to think like an entrepreneur from the start and treat all projects like a business,” says Ms Osempia. “So they learn about planning, budgeting, market research, analysing trends in the market, risk assessment, and so on. Most students love gardening but if they are going to be successful entrepreneurs, they need to learn these principles early on,” she adds.

The Entrepreneurship Club is one of the most popular and thriving clubs at the school, it currently has over 40 student members.

“It fills me with great pride and hope that the club gaining such popularity here at girls’ school,” says Ms Osempia. “A time will come when our girls won’t necessarily have to wait to get employed, they could just leverage their skills to make a life for themselves and others,” she adds.

Ms Osempia’s comments are supported by Agneta, another Entrepreneurship Club student member and one of the student leaders at the club. Agneta has big dreams of running a successful business and providing employment opportunities for others.

“I have been a member of the club for two years now,” says Agneta proudly. “The skills that I have gained at the club – both on and off the field will go a long way to helping me run and manage a successful business in the future,” she adds.

Agneta’s role as an elected leader of the club has further shaped her ambition of starting her own business.

“Taking on projects with my fellow student members is one of my favourite things at the club,” says Agneta. “We manage the daily operations of our projects at school and that usually means we have to work together and cooperate on things. Some tasks such as digging up the ground, cultivating, and tending to plants require a lot of work and dedication, but ultimately they help foster



**Fresh From the Farm:** St Jude's staff posing with fresh paw paws from the garden.



**Learning From the Best:** Agneta pays close attention to her mentor during a session at the garden.

togetherness and make the harvest at the end worth all the effort!” she says.

In addition to running a fruit garden at the school, members of the Entrepreneurship Club also run a poultry project at a nearby Moivaro Boarding Campus. The club taps into the unique skills and creativity of students allowing them to not only find solutions but leveraging them to make a living for themselves.

Your support ensures that students acquire practical knowledge and skills to help them develop their talents and creativity through extensive extracurricular programs.

**Donate Today**





# Hope to Triumph: A Remarkable Journey.

Ericsson's inspiring journey of passion and success.



Living the Dream: Ericsson at the Arsenal's Emirates Stadium in North London.

Ericsson may have left Tanzania eight years ago, but he remains strongly connected to his roots at St Jude's.

"Wherever I go, St Jude's will always be my home," says Ericsson, who is currently residing in the United Kingdom.

The story of Ericsson and St Jude's began at the beginning of the 2000s when the school was still in its early stages.

"It was unlike any other school," recalls Ericsson. "I was especially intrigued with the culture and diversity at the school along with the fact that St Jude's offered free and quality education," says Ericsson.

Ericsson realised the benefits of having a good foundation in education early on and so like any other aspiring scholar student, he applied for a scholarship at St Jude's and hoped for the best.

"The Scholarship Application process was a very rigorous one; I had to sit for a series of oral and written tests. I don't remember the tests as being easy," he adds with a smile.

Ericsson soon became a regular face around

campus. He would hang around the school as he waited for his results, eventually one day, Ericsson got the best news he was hoping for!

"I think my journey with St Jude's started when I received my school uniforms," Ericsson recalls fondly. "I remember having daily training sessions with Angela, one of the earliest teachers at the school, on how to tie my tie – valuable life lesson for sure," Ericsson adds with a smile.

Ericsson spent the next 13 years at St Jude's, exploring his passions and interests in a wide variety of subjects. The resources and supportive learning environment allowed him to freely develop and evolve his interests until he finally found his groove both academically and outside academics.

"At first, I was fascinated with mathematics," says Ericsson. "Then I ventured into other subjects like social studies, and the sciences, until I finally settled for extended business subjects like commerce, accounting and economics in secondary school years," says Ericsson.



Finally Made It: Ericsson at his undergraduate graduation in Mauritius

Outside the classroom though, Ericsson had only one passion.

“I have always loved football for as long as I can remember,” says Ericsson passionately.

While at St Jude’s, Ericsson was a member of a local football academy and had dreams of playing professional football. As an emerging football talent, Ericsson took his passion seriously and was a regular starter on the team.

“I would train and play football every day,” says Ericsson. “I remember doing my homework on my way to school because I had spent the entire previous evening playing football!” he recalls.

However, things took a different turn and Ericsson had to adapt his passion for football to suit the changing dynamic, just as he did with his studies. When he began losing his starting spot on the first team, Ericsson shifted his focus to officiating football matches and soon qualified as a certified football referee.

“This was an interesting turn of events because I didn’t like referees back in my playing days,” Ericsson reflects with a smile. “The biggest lesson I learned during my transition is no matter how bad it gets; better days are always waiting. Never lose hope,” he adds.

Today, Ericsson has set a unique record of being the first Tanzanian professional football referee to officiate football

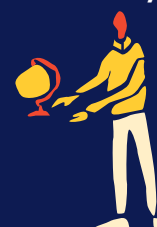
matches in Premier League. He also has a thriving career at one of the world’s leading reinsurance companies following a Bachelor’s degree in Business Management with honours and a Master’s of Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Enterprise Development from Westminster University. He is a living example of dedication, ambition and adaptability.

“Whenever I find myself doubting how far I can go, I remind myself of how far I have come and how many people have significantly contributed to me getting this far. And that gives me the strength to press on,” says Ericsson.

In May 2023, Ericsson purchased 13 of St Jude’s latest books, *The School That Hope Built*, to be distributed to schools in Australia. The books were personally delivered by Gemma, St Jude’s Founding Director, during her Australian Tour in 2023.

Your support to St Jude’s opens a world of opportunities for many talented and aspiring Tanzanian students.

**Sponsor Today!**







# Career Guidance

St Jude's Careers Fairs are charting a path to career success for our students.



**Unlocking Potential:** Students getting career advice outside the traditional classroom.

Each year, The School of St Jude hosts a Career Fair for its secondary students through its Alumni and Career's team.

St Jude's students get the opportunity to benefit from their free, quality education by participating in 'speed career' sessions. Mentors offer advice about CV writing and interviewing techniques, as part of the career guidance curriculum.

In Tanzania, students make crucial choices during their second year of secondary school (Form 2) when they select elective subjects. These decisions can shape their future career paths.

That's why the guidance offered at our Career Fairs is invaluable, helping our students make informed choices about their educational journeys.

Career guidance gives students the opportunity to get closer to their dreams. With your support, these dreams become reality.

**Donate today!**