

ALPHA Calendar Senior Year Planning & Execution Timeline

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Document objective: To provide you with a structured overview plan for your final school year on the ALPHA calendar

Timeframe	Key Activities – ALPHA calendar (January – December)
Grade 10-11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore options: Attend open days, engage with faculty, and track application and scholarship deadlines. SAT preparation: If required for your tertiary goals, develop and begin a preparation plan. See: Things We've Learned from Our Son's SAT Journey. Academic targets: For local Bachelor's entry, aim for a GPA of 3.5+ with an SAT of 1130 (610 English, 530 Math) or NBT / 2 APs by the end of matric. Stay informed: Monitor changes to Legal & Other Requirements, university, and faculty admission requirements. Community: Share in our <i>Kairos Class of 2026</i> and <i>Tertiary & Beyond</i> WhatsApp groups.
October – December (build-up to Senior year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan your Senior Year: independently or through a Kairos+ Consultation. Familiarise yourself with our Kairos Graduation Request Process. Attend or watch the Kairos Class of 2026 Webinar. 15 Oct – 30 Nov: Enrol with Kairos and HLA (Senior fee applies). Dec: Record your Senior Education Plan on myHLA or Kairos will complete this if you use the Kairos+ Applecore Service. Order HLA Senior clothing and rings via the Blue Eagle Store / Josents.
January – February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin Gr 12 academics, skills development, and character-building activities. Submit your Senior Shoutout by 1 March. Apply for HLA Scholarships by 1 March. If applicable: Schedule your SAT exam.
March-May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply feedback from your Gr 12 Kairos+ Transcript Review and HLA Graduation Review (available on myHLA) to your academic planning and execution. Request your official interim HLA transcript on myHLA for local tertiary applications at least 10 business days before you need it, using our Interim Transcript Request Process. Apply to a minimum of three tertiary institutions, jobs, or scholarships (note: most local public universities open 1 April). Monitor your application portals and emails regularly and respond promptly to provisional offers or information requests.
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before 15 June: Submit your Semester 1 (Spring) report. If the Kairos+ Applecore service has been secured, apply the Semester Reporting Form. Final transcript: You may request your official final HLA transcript after the Spring term if all graduation requirements are met (minimum 22 credits, 6 semesters, and 3+ years). Apply our Graduation Request Process.
July-15 March (Graduation Window)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with your Fall (Semester 2) studies. Finish strong! Secure your provisional tertiary admission offers. 15 Oct: Earliest possible graduation date if applying the Fall semester only in Gr 12. Apply our Graduation Request Process. Submit your Fall Semester Report (before graduation and 15 March). If the Kairos+ Applecore service has been secured, apply the Semester Reporting Form. Verify that your Applecore information is correct and complete. Request your official HLA Transcript and Diploma through our Graduation Request Process. 15 March: Latest possible graduation date to avoid re-enrolment.
Post-Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Celebrate your Senior's graduation! Upon receipt of your PDF transcript and diploma (via email), submit copies to tertiary institutions or employers and stay in touch regarding next steps. Use the PDF version to apply to SAQA for your SA NQF Matric Equivalency Letter (recommended for all our matriculants). Safeguard the original hard copy (to be mailed) for future applications.