MERIDIAN
Newcastle

15 October 2015

Dear parents/guardians

This letter provides you with important information about the enrolment of your child for 2016 and the use of electronic devices (tablets) as a teaching solution in Grades 8-12.

Please make sure you understand the information and should you be uncertain, please contact the school by email at info.newcastle@curro.co.za or telephonically on 087 285 4683.

Below are the fee structures for Meridian Newcastle for 2016.

2016 Enrolment Fee	
School enrolment fee (per learner, non-refundable)	
All grades	R 550

2016 School Fees	
School fee (per learner, per month, 12 monthly instalments)	
Grades RR to 3	R 1 450
Grades 4 to 7	R 1 705
Grades 8 to 9	R 1 715
Grades 10 to 12	R 1 750

2016 Aftercare Fee	
Aftercare fee (per learner, per month, including meals)	
All grades	R 700

2016 Tablet Service Fee
Parents must purchase their own device (see below). All other costs, as documented below, are included in School Fee.

Enrolment

All new learners must follow the enrolment procedures and pay the enrolment fee.

More information will be provided by the school when you enrol your child.

PLEASE NOTE that if you are informed that your child's enrolment was not successful, you will be responsible for making alternative schooling arrangements for him or her as your child will NOT be allowed to attend the school as a learner in 2016.

School Fees

School fees for 2016 include the following:

1. All textbooks and learning materials (see section on Tablets below for more information).
2. Workbooks.
3. A basic stationary pack.

School fees for 2016 exclude the following:

1. E-learning device/tablet and any insurance, maintenance or other costs relating to the device itself.
2. School uniform.
3. Additional stationary.
4. Entrance fees, travel costs, accommodation and food for school excursions and sport trips.
5. School photos.
6. Therapists and psychologists.

Aftercare Fees

Aftercare fees for 2016 include the following:

1. One meal per day.
2. Supervision.
3. Limited homework support.

Aftercare fees for 2016 exclude the following:

1. Specialist subject and homework support.

Payment Options

Fees for 12 months are payable monthly in advance by means of:

1. Debit order.
2. Electronic funds transfer.
3. Cash deposit at the bank.

Payments are due on or before the 2nd day of each calendar month (including January).

You can also pay the total annual School Fee in advance by 31 December 2015 which will entitle you to a **5% DISCOUNT** on the School Fee.

Please take note that **NO CASH** will be accepted at the school.

BANKING DETAILS:	BANK NAME:	ABSA Bank
	BRANCH NAME:	Newcastle
	BRANCH CODE:	632005
	ACCOUNT NAME:	Meridian Newcastle
	TYPE OF ACCOUNT:	Cheque Account
	ACCOUNT NUMBER:	4084141602

PLEASE always use your **FAMILY CODE** as reference **upon payment** in order for us to allocate your payment accurately.

Tablets

In 2016, the school will fully implement tablets as electronic teaching solutions in grades 8 to 12 only.

This will have the following impact on you:

1. If your child is not in grade 8 to 12, your child will receive hardcopy textbooks from the school.

2. If your child is in grade 8 to 12, you are responsible to purchase an e-learning device/tablet for your child to use. We will provide you with the minimum required specifications and with more details, in due course.

For now, it is important to know that the school has negotiated an e-learning device/tablet that you can purchase for around R 1000 (one thousand rand), from a specific supplier. You are of course allowed to purchase any tablet you want as long as it meets the minimum required specifications.

You will be responsible for the insurance and maintenance of the device.

3. The following costs associated with tablets are included in the School Fee:
    a. cost of all electronic textbooks
    b. access to Wi-Fi and internet at school
    c. access to a school email account
    d. access to interactive communication platform with teachers.

4. The school will offer information and training events during which the use of tablets as teaching devices will be explained to parents in more detail in order to make sure that you can support your child through this experience.

5. For subjects where electronic textbooks are not yet available, the school will provide your child with a hard copy textbook.

Sincerely

Mr M Hartman
Executive Head: Meridian Newcastle