

# CASTLE



## CURRO Castle Serengeti

### Home away from home

At Curro Castles we believe in the magic of CHILDHOOD, the JOY of being young and the unbridled INNOCENCE of youth.

#### We focus on:

- 1. The unique child:** Curro Castle Serengeti recognises that every child is a competent learner from birth who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
- 2. Positive relationships:** Curro Castle Serengeti children learn to be strong and independent from a base of loving and secure relationships with parents and or a key person (teacher).
- 3. Learning and development:** Our children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates and all areas of learning and development are equally important and are inter-connected.
- 4. Enabling environments:** Our environment plays a key role in supporting and extending a child's development and learning.



### QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English and Afrikaans  
**Ages:** From 3 months to 5 years  
**Class size:** Controlled class sizes

#### School times:

**Half day:** 07:00 – 13:00

**Full day:** 07:00 – 17:30

**Early drop-off/waiting class:** 06:30

### The Early Learning and Development Areas (ELDAs)

Our nursery school curriculum is designed with the Early Learning and Development Areas (ELDAs).

- **Physical well-being:** health and safety, gross motor development, fine motor development
- **Identity and belonging:** self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and social management
- **Communication:** listen and understand, speak and communicate, make meaning and represent
- **Mathematics:** quantity and numbers, measurement, patterns, shape and space, data collection, time and ordination
- **Creativity:** daily life and play, visual arts, performing arts
- **Learning about the world:** exploration and inquiry, knowledge and understanding, executive function

### The daily programme

#### Our daily programme includes:

- Morning ring
- Theme exploration
- Creative activities
- Performing arts
- Free play
- Movement development
- Perceptual and sensory play
- Story and language time

### Extramural activities

Offered by private tutors/coaches held on Curro Castle Serengeti premises, include:

SoccerStarz, ballet, dancing, Golf Academy, Manners4Minors, tennis, Kyrios4Kids and Baking Buddies



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- We have created a centre of learning where children can realise their full potential by providing a comprehensive, individually-orientated education of the highest standard.
- Curro Castle Serengeti provides a sound foundation for meeting the tasks and challenges of future learning.
- We create a child-friendly environment where the child is encouraged to explore a wide variety of experiences, developing a curious mind and a love of learning.
- We encourage social and life skills in a warm and loving environment, with a focus on positive attitudes and moral values.
- We promote creativity and critical thinking by encouraging children to make their own choices within well-established boundaries.
- We create a sound and safe environment where each child is extended and growth is encouraged academically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.
- The curriculum includes Lego Education learning concepts and the activities built around Lego Soft Bricks form the important early foundations for later Robotics studies.
- Breakfast and a morning snack are provided by the Castle and parents should provide an afternoon snack.
- A well-balanced lunch is served between 11:30 and 12:00 depending on the learner's age and group setting.
- Reports are handed out at the end of the 2nd and 4th terms.
- Each class has an assistant.
- The full-day option continues during school holidays, however we are closed on public holidays and for a specified period during December and January.

## HOW TO ENROL

### STEP 1:

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### STEP 6:

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We aim to inspire young minds to become extraordinary through the unique Curro nursery school curriculum.

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# PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Serengeti

### Foundation phase (Grade R to Grade 3)

#### Grade R

In Grade R we focus on an integrated play-based curriculum with specialised educational programmes:

- The phonological awareness programme which is explicitly taught in small groups and includes interactive games
- The Bazoo integrated literacy programme
- The NumberSense programme which is a learner-centred approach where problem-solving is the starting point
- Introduction to Robotics through Duplo Lego

Grade R is the bridge from the concrete world to the world of symbols and numbers in Grade 1.

#### Grade 1 to Grade 3

In these grades the focus is on perceptual development, exposure to relevant content, skills and knowledge which are required for further learning. We offer a vibrant, invitational atmosphere where the learners enjoy coming to school and where they acquire a love for learning that will sustain them throughout their school years. We acknowledge the potential in each learner to reach optimum ability; therefore, there is less emphasis on competitiveness and more emphasis on individual achievement. We create opportunities for personal growth in independence and responsibility so that learners can take up the challenge of being personally responsible and accountable for their actions in the intermediate phase.

## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English

**Foundation phase:** Grade R to Grade 3

**Intermediate phase (Grades 4 to 6) and Grade 7**

**Class size:** Maximum 25 learners per class

**School times:**

All grades to arrive by 07:15

**Grade R:** 07:30 – 13:00

**Grades 1 to 3:** 07:30 – 13:30

**Grades 4 to 7:** 07:30 – 14:15 (Fridays until 13:30)

**Aftercare:** 13:00 – 17:30

### Subjects

**The three main learning areas are:**

**Language** – English Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language and isiZulu Second Additional Language (Grade 1 to Grade 2)

**Mathematics** – A learner-centred approach where problem-solving is the starting point:

- Sense-making, problem-solving activities
- Meaningful mathematical knowledge
- Efficient use of a variety of strategies
- Application of mathematical knowledge with confidence and understanding
- Introduction to project-based learning

**Life Skills** – Includes beginning knowledge, personal and social well-being, creative arts and physical education

**Also:** Perceptual development forms an integral part of all learning in the foundation phase, and includes gross motor skills, sensory motor integration, perceptual motor skills and language development. Robotics and chess form part of the curriculum.

### Cultural activities – foundation phase

Eisteddfod, choir, educational outings, public speaking, dance revue, mini-chess and marimba band

### Sports activities – foundation phase

Mini-hockey, mini-soccer, mini-cricket, mini-netball and tennis

### Value-added programmes – foundation phase

Curro internal assessments, language enrichment, computer programs, robotics and supervised homework classes for learners, and private activities (Fridays only)



## Intermediate phase (Grades 4 to 6) and Grade 7

In the intermediate phase, the emphasis is still on establishing basic foundations, but learners are led into more abstract thought and independent work. Application of skills and concepts is also a focus area in this phase. This phase aims to prepare learners for the senior phase in the high school. We promote creativity and critical thinking by encouraging children to make their own choices within well-established boundaries.

We aim to embrace 21st-century learning by incorporating the use of tablets in our classrooms. We currently raise children who are 'digital natives'. By embracing innovative technology into our schools, we are speaking the language our learners understand.

### Curriculum

English Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language, Mathematics, Computer Literacy, Science and Robotics, Social Sciences, Life Skills (Physical Education), Bible Education, Art, Personal and Social Well-being, Life Orientation (Grade 7), Technology (Grade 7), Economic and Management Sciences (Grade 7)



### Sports activities – intermediate phase

Tennis, hockey, netball, soccer, cricket, cross-country, athletics, rugby and swimming

### Cultural activities – intermediate phase

Eisteddfod, choir, marimba band, chess, speech competition, art competitions and dance

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**We look forward to welcoming you to the Curro family.**

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# HIGH SCHOOL



# CURRO Serengeti

**Our goal is to develop responsible, independent and proud individuals who will make a positive contribution to society.**

Our ethos is governed by Christian values (ethics and morals) where learners are encouraged to explore and express their individuality within acceptable boundaries, and ultimately take responsibility for their actions.

We guide them to follow their hearts and minds to develop into the best people they can be.

Our dynamic curriculum covers problem-solving, critical thinking and the development of skills and values. Both individual and group work are evaluated.

Curro Serengeti produces a community of teenagers who know how to think innovatively, express their ideas and take charge of their own lives.

Learners are prepared for the matriculation examinations set by the Independent Examinations Board (IEB).



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English

**Grades:** Grade 8 to Grade 12

**Matric examination:** IEB

**Class size:** Maximum 25 learners per class

**School times:** 07:15 for 07:30 – 14:30  
(Fridays until 13:30)

## Curriculum (Grade 8 and Grade 9)

- English Home Language
- Afrikaans First Additional Language
- Creative Arts
- Life Orientation (practical)
- Life Orientation (theory)
- Mathematics
- Social Sciences (History and Geography)
- Natural Sciences (Life Sciences and Physical Sciences)
- Technology
- Economic and Management Sciences (Accounting and Business Studies)
- Computer Skills



## Cultural activities

Drama, outreach, debating, eisteddfod, tours and outings, Grade 8 orientation, Grade 11 leadership camp, public speaking, olympiads, choir, science expo, poetry club and house plays

## Sports activities

Cricket, tennis, hockey (boys and girls), golf, netball, athletics, cross-country, sevens rugby, soccer (boys and girls), mountain biking, ring ball, chess and swimming

## Curriculum (Grade 10 to Grade 12)

### Compulsory subjects

- English Home Language
- Afrikaans First Additional Language
- Life Orientation
- Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy

### Subject options:

- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Engineering Graphics and Design (EGD)
- Economics
- Business Studies
- Visual Arts
- Geography
- Dramatic Arts
- Accounting
- Computer Applications Technology (CAT)



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