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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 Secunda recognises that every child is a competent learner from birth who can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.
2. **Positive relationships:** Curro Castle Secunda 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/or Afrikaans
Ages: From 3 months to 5 years
Class size: Controlled class sizes
School times:
Half day: 06:50 – 14:00
Full day: 06:50 – 17:30

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 – private tutors/coaches

Dance classes, Pro-Tennis, Playball, Baby Steps, Beaux-Arts, Dance Mouse, Miki Maths, Groovy Kinetics, Little Lab Coats, RSD Rugby and Now Netball

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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 Secunda provides a sound foundation for meeting the tasks and challenges of future learning.
- We create an environment of opportunity where the child learns general knowledge, the right attitudes, ethical and moral principles.
- We encourage and teach each child social and life skills in a warm and loving environment.
- We acknowledge that each child is an individual and we allow them to work at their own pace.
- 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.
- Our Castle is open during school holidays. It is only closed on public holidays and for two and a half weeks in December and January.

HOW TO ENROL

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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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Foundation phase (Grade 1 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 and/or Afrikaans
Foundation phase: Grade R to Grade 3
Intermediate phase (Grades 4 to 6) and Grade 7
Class size: Controlled class sizes
School times
Grade R: 07:30 – 13:00
Grade 1 to 3: 07:30 – 13:20
Grades 4 to 7: 07:30 – 14:00
Aftercare: 13:20 – 17:30 (Grades 1 to 5)
Extra academic classes every Wednesday

Subjects

The three main learning areas are:

Language – English Home Language and Afrikaans First Additional Language or Afrikaans Home Language and English First Additional Language. African language as conversational language once a week

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

Eisteddfods, cultural festivals, concerts, public speaking, spelling bee/WOW Spelling Festival and land service

Sports activities – foundation phase

Athletics, cricket, tennis, hockey, rugby, netball, cross-country, chess, soccer and golf

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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, Natural Sciences and Technology (including Robotics), Social Sciences (Geography and History), Life Skills, Information Technology (non-exam subject)

Sports activities – intermediate phase

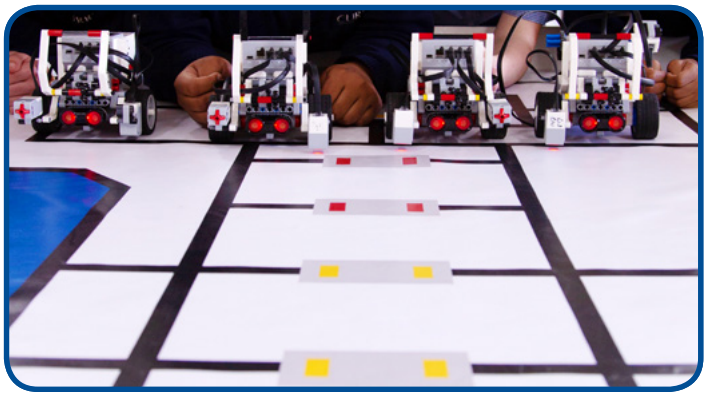
Interhouse athletics, cricket, tennis, hockey, rugby, netball, cross-country, chess, soccer and golf

Cultural activities – intermediate phase:

Eisteddfods, cultural festivals, concerts, public speaking, spelling bee/WOW Spelling Festival and land service

Extramural activities – private tutors/coaches

Little Lab Coats (Grades 1 to 3), Curro Ballet School and Swallo15 Music School (guitar)



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We look forward to welcoming you to the Curro family.

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HIGH SCHOOL

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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 Secunda 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: Controlled class sizes
School times: 07:30 –14:00
Extra academic classes every Wednesday

Curriculum (Grade 8 and Grade 9

- English Home Language
- Afrikaans First Additional Language
- Mathematics
- Natural Sciences
- Social Sciences
- Technology
- Economic and Management Sciences (including Accounting)
- Life Orientation
- Creative Arts

Cultural activities
Eisteddfods, cultural festivals, concerts, public speaking, spelling bee/WOW Spelling Festival and land service

Sports activities
Rugby, cricket, tennis, hockey, netball, interhouse athletics, soccer and eSports

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Curriculum (Grade 10 to Grade 12)

Subject choice must include

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

Three additional subjects which could include

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

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