



## Boarding from Grades 6 to 12

### Why choose Windhoek Gymnasium?

- Dedicated and fully-qualified teachers
- State-of-the-art facilities
- Matric examination: Namibian Senior Secondary Certificate AS level
- Excellent sports and cultural activities
- Broad subject offerings

### Why choose Windhoek Gymnasium boarding school?

- No more than four learners per room
- All learners have their own cubicle, book shelf and built-in cupboard
- En-suite shower, toilet and two basins per room
- No more than 23 learners per floor and each floor has a live-in teacher who takes care of the learners
- Each floor has a communal living area with a TV (DStv included), microwave, kettle, fridge, stove and oven
- Three meals per day, served in a communal dining room
- Free Wi-Fi
- Study and homework sessions under supervision

### Boarding parents or supervisors

Mr MD Greyling is the superintendent and floor parent for the junior boys. He has been a floor parent since 2017 and believes that a boarding school is a vehicle for teaching learners independence and responsibility, and envisions a boarding school where boarders become brothers and sisters. Mr Ian Schoonwinkel is the floor parent for the senior boys. He is a secondary school teacher who believes in an educational approach towards learners and not in enforcing discipline. He regards his work as a privilege and tries his best to make it feel homely.

The floor parent for the junior girls is Ms Janel Schutte. She has been working at Windhoek Gymnasium since 2012 and has recently joined the boarding school staff. She has a passion for children and enjoys having more time to invest in who they are and being their mom away from home. Ms Nicola Tromp, the floor parent for the senior girls, studied social work and is currently a teacher at the primary school. She believes in treating learners with empathy rather than sympathy and that respect is earned. The learners are comfortable to approach her with any problem they may have.



## Frequently asked questions

### **Where is the nearest medical facility?**

Lady Pohamba Private Hospital is only 1,5 km away.

### **How do leave arrangements and visits work?**

Boarding is closed during school holidays, long weekends and indicated home weekends – unless otherwise indicated.

### **Is theft an issue and how is it dealt with?**

The boarding school is equipped with security cameras in communal areas and biometric access control. Theft is a serious transgression that will lead to suspension/expulsion. Valuables should be locked away.

### **Who monitors my child's progress?**

The boarding parents, in collaboration with the subject teachers, monitor the learners' academic progress and well-being.

### **Will my child make friends easily?**

Yes, we believe that the best way to make a friend is to be a friend.

### **Do boys and girls have separate facilities?**

Boys and girls live in separate sections and do not have access to each other's sections. Each section has a communal living area. Boys and girls share the dining room and study hall for a healthy dose of interaction.

### **What is your response to bullying?**

We have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying. Bullying is considered a serious transgression and may lead to suspension/expulsion.

### **What happens if my child is homesick?**

Every effort is made to help learners feel at home, safe and secure. Floor parents make special efforts with homesick learners. A special treat or game, or sometimes a little contact with parents can assist with settling in. Parents are welcome to visit at any time.

### **How do boarders occupy themselves over weekends?**

Boarders have access to board games, table tennis, the shopping centre (1,5 km away) and the public pool. We also braai together on Saturday afternoons.

### **What kind of food is served to the boarders?**

Learners receive three healthy, balanced meals a day. Breakfast consist of oats/mieliepap, muffins and toast with cheese, cold meat and preserves. Due to sports and other extramural activities immediately after school, learners are treated to a light lunch – pies, sandwiches, etc. Dinner includes a cooked meal with a healthy portion of protein, carbohydrates and vegetables/fruits/salad. Over weekends learners are sometimes treated to a braai and a proper Sunday lunch. Parents are welcome to discuss special dietary requirements with floor parents.

### **How do parents communicate with their child?**

Learners are allowed to have cellphones in their possession.

