PREPARATORY SCHOOL

QUICK FACTS

Language: English

Junior prep phase: Grade R to Grade 3

Senior prep phase: Grade 4 to Grade 7

Learner support class

Class size: Maximum 25

School times

Grade R: 08:00 – 12:30

Grade 1 to Grade 2: 07:45 – 14:00
(includes extramural activities)

Grade 3 to Grade 7: 07:45 – 14:00
(extramural activities until 16:30)

Aftercare: Until 17:00

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Junior prep phase (Grade R to Grade 3)

Grade R

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

1. The phonological awareness programme which is explicitly taught in small groups and this includes interactive games
2. An integrated literacy programme
3. A mathematics programme where learners develop mathematical knowledge through problem-solving on a tactile level

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 senior preparatory phase.

Subjects

The three main learning areas are:

Language – English Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language, isiXhosa as a conversational language

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, Bible Studies, 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. Coding, music, speech, and drama also form part of the curriculum.

Cultural activities – junior prep phase

Music (woodwind, brass, strings, piano, drums, guitar, bass guitar), junior band, junior choir, string ensemble

Sports activities – junior prep phase

Athletics, cricket, hockey, netball, rugby, soccer, swimming, tennis, triathlon

Extramural activities – junior prep phase

Offered by private tutors/coaches at an additional cost

St George's Tennis Academy, Infinity Swimming, Spotlight Drama, In Creative Company Art Club, PS Bro's Martial Arts Schools, Shannae Erens Ballet Studio

Senior prep phase (Grades 4 to 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 embrace 21st-century learning by using tablets in class (iPads) rather than textbooks. By using innovative technology and teaching methods, we speak the digital language our learners understand so fluently.

Curriculum

English Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language, German and French Second Additional Languages (optional), isiXhosa conversational language, Mathematics, Life Orientation, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Economic and Management Sciences, Design and Technology, Computers, Art, Music, Speech and Drama, Physical Education

Sports activities – senior prep phase

Athletics, cricket, hockey, netball, rugby, soccer, swimming, tennis, trail running, triathlon, water polo

Cultural activities – senior prep phase

Music (woodwind, brass, strings, piano, drums, guitar, bass guitar), senior band, senior choir, flute ensemble, string ensemble

Extramural activities – senior prep phase

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HOW TO ENROL

STEP 1:
Apply to enrol with one of the following options:
1. Enrol online at www.curro.co.za.
2. Download and complete the application-for-admission form available on the website or from the school.
3. If necessary, contact the school for the required documents.

STEP 2:
Submit your completed application form along with all supporting documents (indicated on the application form) to the school.
Note: Supporting documents for online enrolments are to be uploaded.

STEP 3:
You will be invited for a school tour guided by the head of preparatory school.

STEP 4:
Application forms will be assessed.

STEP 5:
If successful, parents will receive via email, a welcome letter and invoice for a once-off non-refundable enrolment fee.

STEP 6:
Once the enrolment fee is paid, the child's place is confirmed (please retain proof of payment for record purposes).

STEP 7:
Please refer to **www.curro.co.za** regularly to stay up to date with all the relevant news and arrangements.

PLEASE NOTE:
A learner must benefit from St George's Preparatory mainstream curriculum and it is therefore necessary to assess each application for admission. Applicants are assessed according to the normal entry requirements and, if necessary, extra assessments may be requested.

We look forward to welcoming you to St George's Preparatory family.

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