

# NURSERY SCHOOL



## Home away from home

At St Dominics Newcastle Nursery School we have created a safe, fun-filled environment where children can reach their full potential.

### We believe in:

- 1. The unique child:** Every child is a competent learner from birth who can be resilient, capable, confident.
- 2. Positive relationships:** Through loving, secure relationships with their parents and teacher, children learn to be strong and independent.
- 3. Learning and development:** Children learn in different ways and at different rates, while all areas of learning and development are equally important and inter-connected.
- 4. Enabling environments:** As children learn from their environments, our classrooms and playgrounds act as a third teacher of sorts, thereby encouraging children to explore, play and learn.



## QUICK FACTS

**Language:** English

**Ages:** From 2 years to 5 years

**Class size:** Controlled class sizes

**School times:** 08:00 – 12:15

**Early drop-off time:** 07:00

**Aftercare:** Until 16:45

## 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 St Dominics Newcastle premises, include:

Ballet, tennis and swimming



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Children are encouraged to develop holistically in a warm, loving environment.
- Our indoor areas offer multiple opportunities to explore, investigate, imagine and create.
- Outdoor play areas include jungle gyms, play houses, shaded areas for creative and sensory play, and more.
- Security measures include guarded gates, CCTV monitoring, and proper hand-sanitising protocols.
- Teachers model positive attitudes, as well as ethical and moral principles based on Curro's values.
- Our programme includes activities built around large soft bricks, which form the important early foundations for later Robotics studies.
- Our menu provides well-balanced, wholesome meals and snacks which are freshly prepared in our on-site kitchen.
- Teachers have teacher's assistants based on the age group and number of children in the class.
- Aftercare includes a freshly prepared meal and snacks.
- All teachers have first-aid training.
- Children's progress is monitored on a continuous basis. Parents are updated every term and receive a detailed written report at the end of the 2nd and 4th terms.
- Holiday care is available from 07:00 – 13:00, as we are closed during school holidays (and public holidays).

## HOW TO ENROL

### STEP 1:

Apply to enrol with one of the following options:

1. Enrol online at [www.curro.co.za](http://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:

Application forms will be assessed.

### STEP 4:

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

### STEP 5:

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

### STEP 6:

Please refer to [www.curro.co.za](http://www.curro.co.za) regularly to stay up to date with all the relevant news and arrangements.

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

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