



WATERSTONE COLLEGE

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 intersen phase.

QUICK FACTS

Language: English

Foundation phase: Grade R to Grade 3

Intersen phase: Grade 4 to Grade 7

Class size: Controlled class sizes

School times: 07:45 – 13:00/14:00

(end times vary per grade)

Aftercare: Until 17:30

Transport: Vereeniging, Eye of Africa (more on website)

Subjects

The three main learning areas are:

Language – English Home Language and Afrikaans or isiZulu First Additional Language (choice carried through to Grade 12)

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. Computer skills, music, chess and technology lessons form part of the curriculum.

Cultural activities – foundation phase

Speech and drama, dance, choir, music and drumming

Sports activities – foundation phase

Netball, soccer, mini-cricket, badminton, tennis, swimming, athletics, chess and equestrian

Extramural activities – foundation phase

Offered by private tutors/coaches held on

Waterstone College premises, include (Grade R):

Dance (modern, jazz, hip-hop, ballet and tap), Playball, Abacus Maths, Gym Kids, Manners4Minors, golf, CMATHS, speech and drama, Monkeynastix, Creative Kids, Little Lab Coats and SoccerStarz



Intersen phase (Grade 4 to Grade 7)

In the intersen 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.

Curriculum

English Home Language, Afrikaans or isiZulu First Additional Language, Mathematics, Life Skills, Natural Sciences, Technology (Grade 7 only), Social Sciences (Geography and History), Economic and Management Sciences (Grade 7 only), Computer Literacy, Robotics (Grades 4 to 6 only)

Sports activities – intersen phase

Cricket, swimming, badminton, hockey (boys and girls), netball, soccer (boys and girls), chess, tennis, athletics (track and field), cross-country, 7s rugby and equestrian

Cultural activities – intersen phase

Music (marimba band, choir, djembe drums), dance (private service provider), drama (eisteddfod and public speaking), speech masters and competitive communication

Extramural activities – intersen phase

Offered by private tutors/coaches at an additional cost

The School of Arts: music (piano, recorder, guitar, drums, violin, flute and vocals) and dance (modern dancing, tap, ballet and hip-hop)

Individual sports academies: cricket, soccer, netball and hockey (more info on website)

Enrichment programme – intersen phase

The enrichment programme includes an extensive range of activities such as cooking, painting, volleyball, archery, nature walks, science experiments, arts and crafts, hip-hop, caring for the elderly (Grade 6), sewing, cardmaking, beading and basic outdoor life skills. These activities change quarterly and take place during the school day.

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:

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 regularly to stay up to date with all the relevant news and arrangements.

PLEASE NOTE:

A learner must benefit from Waterstone College's 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 the Waterstone College family.

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