



# ESCA WANDERERS

ELITE SPORTING AND CULTURAL ACADEMY

A **uxi** PARTNER SCHOOL

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THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD IS IN MY CLASSROOM TODAY



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### WELCOME TO ESCA

ESCA Wanderers is a private school located at the prestigious Wanderers Sports Club in Illovo, Johannesburg. We offer an individualised, alternative learning environment that focuses on balance, growth and excellence for children with specific or general interest in sports and/or cultural activities.

At ESCA, we aim to develop excited and motivated students who engage in their learning and talents with confidence and enthusiasm. With access to top-class facilities and experts in each field, we support and facilitate each individual student's specific programme to achieve their personal best.

The students at ESCA follow the British or American GED® curricula, and our open policy of communication between teachers, parents, students and coaches ensures that we operate as a team, committed to each individual child's progress and success.

An ESCA student conducts themselves professionally and with integrity, and has the desire to learn, practice, grow and achieve in the classroom, workshop or lab, on the stage or sports field, and beyond.

In 2021 ESCA partnered with the UXi Private Education Group (UXi) in order to help further the development of ESCA's revolutionary model of education in South Africa. UXi is a privately-owned international education group that operates in the fields of education and sports in the United Kingdom and Africa. UXi holds interests in multiple sectors and has experience in a wide range of curriculum methodologies, including school education, higher education, vocational education, professional education, and sport.



WHEN THE ATMOSPHERE ENCOURAGES LEARNING,  
LEARNING IS INEVITABLE





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### ESCA'S VISION

THROUGH AN INDIVIDUAL APPROACH THAT FOCUSES ON BALANCE, GROWTH AND EXCELLENCE, ESCA AIMS TO DEVELOP EXCITED AND MOTIVATED LEARNERS WHO ENGAGE IN THEIR LEARNING AND TALENTS WITH CONFIDENCE, ENTHUSIASM AND PROFESSIONALISM



### ESCA'S VISION STATEMENT

TO ESTABLISH A VIBRANT AND DYNAMIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENT THAT FACILITATES BOTH ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND TALENT BUILDING, DEVELOPING GAME PLAYERS WHO CONDUCT THEMSELVES PROFESSIONALLY AND WITH INTEGRITY.

### ESCA'S MISSION

ESCA IS COMMITTED TO OFFERING A DYNAMIC, UNIQUE AND CHALLENGING LEARNING, SPORTING AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNERS WHO WISH TO PURSUE THEIR TALENTS AND SUCCEED ACADEMICALLY. OUR OPEN POLICY OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TEACHERS, PARENTS, LEARNERS AND COACHES ENSURES THAT WE OPERATE AS A TEAM, COMMITTED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD'S PROGRESS AND SUCCESS.



### ESCA'S PURPOSE

AT ESCA, WE DEVELOP IN OUR LEARNERS:  
THE DESIRE TO LEARN AND GROW AND ACHIEVE ONE'S ACADEMIC GOALS...  
THE DRIVE TO TRAIN HARD, BOTH ON THE STAGE OR SPORTS FIELD, AS WELL AS IN LIFE...  
THE ABILITY TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES PROFESSIONALLY, AND WITH INTEGRITY, AT ALL TIMES.

THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION IS TO REPLACE  
AN EMPTY MIND WITH AN OPEN ONE



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### THE CURRICULUM

We offer a variety of international curricula (British and the GED®), and strive to encourage a learning environment that focuses on balance, both in the classroom and on the field, or on the stage. ESCA is also proud to announce the launch of our brand new blended approach to schooling: ESCA-DX (Digital eXperience).

The British Curriculum sets a global standard for education ensuring that students have various international options when considering further education after school. With assessments that are fair, reliable and practical; British qualifications are valued by employers and universities around the world. Students also become part of a global community with students from 160 countries in 10 000 schools preparing for their future with a British qualification.

The GED® is considered the closest foreign equivalent to the South African National Senior Certificate and allows students to apply for further education both locally and abroad upon completion. The GED® is tailored to each student's knowledge level and learning pace, with personalised lesson plans which accelerate learning. Furthermore, the GED® curriculum is skill-based, ensuring that students apply the skills that they have learned practically - an invaluable skill for the future.

With ESCA-DX, students from around the world can attend a digital school with options for international curricula. Students are afforded the opportunity to differentiate and augment their learning with access to skills and learning opportunities which will prepare future generations to face the demands of the fourth, and even the fifth, industrial revolutions.

At ESCA we offer an individualized, alternative learning environment for children who have a specific or general interest in sports and/or cultural activities. We support and facilitate each individual learner's specific needs to equip them with the necessary skills to achieve top academic results without having to sacrifice their interests.



THE MAIN HOPE OF A NATION LIES IN THE  
PROPER EDUCATION OF ITS YOUTH





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### SPORTS AND CULTURALS

ESCA aligns with experts in each sporting code. Regular feedback meetings with parents and coaches ensure that communication is open and clear. ESCA facilitates the training and touring demands for those learners committed to excelling in their chosen sport(s). Flexibility and expert co-ordination form the basis for providing each learner with the ability to achieve their personal best. We have over 20 sporting codes on offer at the Wanderers Club. ESCA also has various in-house sporting programme academies, including JVW Girls Football Development, the TFSA Football Academy and NTN Basketball Development. Alternative training schedules can also be accommodated with adjusted student timetables.



INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER  
- THAT IS THE END GOAL OF EDUCATION





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### COVID-19 COMPLIANCE

From the ESCA COVID-19 Support Guide:

ESCA students and staff are global citizens who are agents of change. Our students are the next generation of teachers, doctors, caregivers and scientists. This crisis, like any other, affords us the opportunity to learn, grow, show compassion, extend a helping hand and increase resilience to build a safer and caring community, one which embraces Ubuntu.

It is important that students and staff are provided with knowledge and facts about COVID-19 to lessen fears and anxieties. This guide will also provide key messages and considerations for the wider ESCA community, promoting a safe and healthy school environment.

We aim to encourage the whole of ESCA to become advocates for disease prevention and control at home, at school and in the wider community by talking to others about how to prevent the spread of viruses. Maintaining safe school operations or reopening schools after a closure requires many considerations but, if done well, can promote public health.

- ESCA will take all reasonable steps to ensure compliance with its statutory health and safety obligations.
- Staff must ensure that their own equipment and stationery are thoroughly cleaned before and after use with sanitisers and cloths provided.
- ESCA will, as far as practicable, minimize the number of workers at the workplace at any given time through rotation, shift systems, remote working arrangements or similar measures in order to achieve effective physical distancing;
- All work surfaces and equipment will be disinfected before work begins;
- The Health Officer will be responsible for ensuring adequate hygienic products such as soap and hand sanitiser in the ESCA campus;
- Ensuring that all door handles, stair rails and any surfaces likely to be touched by different people in the premises are sanitised every hour;
- Provide employees with hand sanitiser and washable cloth masks.



THE HIGHEST RESULT OF EDUCATION IS TOLERANCE





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### PHASES AND SUBJECTS

#### FOUNDATION PHASE SUBJECTS

CORE	SECOND LANGUAGES	OTHER SUBJECTS
Mathematics	Afrikaans	Phenomenon Based Learning
English	French	Reading Enrichment
Science	isiZulu	

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL (GRADES 4, 5 and 6) SUBJECTS

CORE	SECOND LANGUAGES	OTHER SUBJECTS
Mathematics	Afrikaans	Phenomenon Based Learning
English	French (Grade 4 & 5 optional)	Reading Enrichment
Science	isiZulu	

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7, 8 and 9) SUBJECTS

CORE	SECOND LANGUAGES	OTHER SUBJECTS
Mathematics	Afrikaans	Phenomenon Based Learning
English	French	EMS (Grade 9)
Combined Science	isiZulu	



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### PHASES AND SUBJECTS

#### SENIOR SCHOOL (GRADES 10, 11 and 12) SUBJECTS

CORE	SECOND LANGUAGES	ELECTIVE SUBJECTS		
Mathematics	Afrikaans	Accounting	Chemistry	History
English	French	Art & Design	Computer Science	Physics
Life Competencies	isiZulu	Biology	Economics	Psychology
		Business Studies	Geography	

#### EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

- Art Club
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Chess Club
- Cricket
- Discovery Soccer
- ESCA's Ball Skills
- Culinary Classes with The Cooking Kitchen
- Dragons Swimming School
- Gymnastics
- Hip Hop Dance at ESCA
- Hockey
- JKA Karate
- JVW Girls Football Academy
- Katz Performing Arts Programme
- Piano Lessons at ESCA
- Netball
- NTN Basketball Academy
- Personal Training
- RISE Debate Club
- RISE Public Speaking
- RISE Speech & Drama
- Rugby
- Squash
- STEM Dynamics:
- Coding & Robotics
- Tennis
- TSFA - The Stevens Football Academy
- Wanderers Gymnastics
- WTA - Wanderers Tennis Academy
- Yoga

#### ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Academic support and extra lessons are available during school hours and after school.
- Reading enrichment ensures our Primary School students have the skills necessary to excel in studying, learning and reading.

STUDENT CHOICE IS MORE THAN SIMPLY PICKING A TASK.  
IT'S ABOUT OWNING THE ENTIRE LEARNING PROCESS



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### 2021 CALENDAR

#### TERM 1

**Term 1 Starts:** Wednesday 13 January 2021

**Term 1 Ends:** Friday, 16 April 2021

**Half-term:** School closes on Thursday, 25 February  
and reopens on Tuesday, 2 March

**Public Holidays:** Sunday, 21 March: Human Rights Day  
Monday, 22 March: Public Holiday  
Friday, 2 April: Good Friday  
Monday, 5 April: Family Day

#### TERM 2

**Term 2 Starts:** Monday, 10 May 2021

**Term 2 Ends:** Friday, 6 August 2021

**Half-term:** School closes on Friday, 11 June  
and reopens on Monday, 21 June

#### TERM 3

**Term 3 Starts:** Tuesday, 7 September 2021

**Term 3 Ends:** Friday, 3 December 2021

**Half-term:** School closes on Thursday, 21 October  
and reopens on Tuesday, 26 October

**Public Holidays:** Friday, 24 September: Heritage Day



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### 2021 CALENDAR

#### JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

#### FEBRUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

#### MARCH

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

#### APRIL

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

#### MAY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
3	2	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

#### JUNE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

#### JULY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

#### AUGUST

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

#### SEPTEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

#### OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

#### NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

#### DECEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

LIVE AS IF YOU WERE TO DIE TOMORROW,  
LEARN AS IF YOU WERE TO LIVE FOREVER





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### SCHOOL RULES

ESCA Wanderers promotes an ethos aimed at creating an environment where the students can feel safe, happy, respected, accepted, valued and understood, and our endeavours to achieve and uphold these values are performed with due diligence and to the best of our capabilities.

ESCA is centred on the well-being and development of its students, not only on an educational level, but also on emotional and psychological levels. It is a vital core function of ESCA to develop the student by instilling and promoting principles of discipline, integrity, honour, mutual respect and trust as well as harbouring a caring nature towards each other, and in this process to ultimately teach them to uphold a system of moral values to guide each student through his/her growth process.

In order to establish a disciplined and purposeful environment to facilitate effective teaching and learning, ESCA adheres to a strict General Code of Conduct, containing various tailored conduct policies aimed at creating the best environment for our students. These policies are successfully implemented and maintained by disciplinary procedures to immediately and uniformly address any contraventions of these policies.

The parent(s)/guardian(s) of students, as well as all students attending ESCA, are required to fully and sufficiently acquaint and familiarise themselves with the content of the General Code of Conduct document. It is expected that parent(s)/guardian(s) go through this document thoroughly with their children. By signature of the General Code of Conduct, the parent(s)/guardian(s) and student hereby confirm that they have read the terms of this document, understand what is regarded as a contravention by ESCA, are familiar with the rules of ESCA, and understand the process that will be followed in the event that any of the rules or policies are contravened by the student.



**CODE OF CONDUCT**

CHILDREN MUST BE TAUGHT HOW TO THINK,  
NOT WHAT TO THINK



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### SCHOOL RULES & POLICIES

#### PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

- It is the joint duty of the learner as well as the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the learner, to ensure that the learner attends school on a regular basis.
- If a learner does not attend classes regularly, the relevant teacher/grade head will report the absence of the learner to the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the head of ESCA in writing.
- The teacher will keep an accurate register of learner attendance of his/her class and must keep copies of all communication to parents when absence from the classroom is reported.
- No learner will be allowed to arrive late or leave early without written permission of the learner's parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Parents and learners should familiarise themselves with the opening and closing times relevant to their campus(es). Learners who are late for school will be marked absent as registers are completed at the beginning of each school day.
- Should a learner be absent from school for a period of three (3) days or longer, this leave of absence must be supported by a letter from a medical doctor.
- Any absence from a formal examination, test or task must be supported by a letter from a medical doctor.
- Truancy from school is prohibited.

#### OPEN DOOR POLICY

At ESCA we believe in an open door policy in order to ensure that all members of our community are heard. We encourage communication, discussion and feedback from students and staff alike to ensure that Team ESCA keeps its finger on the pulse of what is happening at ESCA. In this way, ESCA is always adapting, improving and achieving greater harmony within our school.

#### BULLYING POLICY

ESCA is a child-centred educational institution that promotes an ethos of respect and caring among its students and for the property and environment that we share. We therefore want our students to feel happy, safe, respected, accepted, valued and understood.

ESCA adopts a zero-tolerance for bullying, including verbal bullying, racism, blasphemy and hate speech, physical, emotional and cyber bullying. Any incidences of bullying will result in immediate disciplinary action.



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### UNIFORM







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### HOUSES



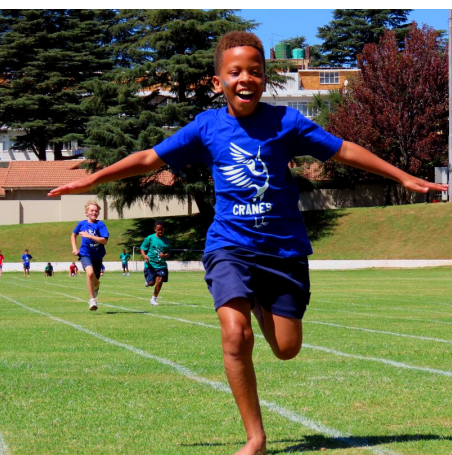
### CRANES



### PROTEAS



### SPRINGBOKS



OUR GREATEST NATURAL RESOURCE IS THE MIND  
OF OUR CHILDREN





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### ESCA'S PTA

The ESCA PTA serves as an organisation made up of motivated parent/guardian volunteers who have a particular interest in helping to create a proud student AND parent community within the school ethos. This community will work collectively with the school leaders and teachers towards achieving a holistic environment for the children. The PTA will support ESCA in its endeavours, not only as a school offering academic opportunities worldwide, but to aspire to promoting confidence, empathy, life-lasting school pride and happy memories for the children who cross its threshold.

The ESCA PTA constitute ourselves as an Association, hereafter named the Parents Association of Elite Sporting & Cultural Academy (ESCA PTA) as follows:

All parents/guardians of the students of ESCA are members of the Parents Association.

While all parents of pupils of the academy are members of the Parents' Association, the majority do not need to be involved in the day-to-day activities of the Association. In order to ensure effective management and oversight of the purpose and function of the association, a committee is established. The parents who participate on the committee manage the responsibilities of the Parents' Association on behalf of the other parents.

The committee is the team that will manage the tasks of the Parents' Association on behalf of the parent body (the members). Decisions will be reached by a majority vote of those present at a committee meeting. We look forward to welcoming you!



THE FUTURE BELONGS TO YOUNG PEOPLE WITH AN  
EDUCATION AND THE IMAGINATION TO CREATE



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### NOURISH MEALS

Nutrition is important for everyone, especially children who are under extreme pressure to perform in the classroom and on the sports field. Healthy eating means eating a variety of foods in the right proportions that give you the nutrients you need to maintain your health, feel good and have energy.

We believe that real food is real medicine, supporting us to live healthy, vibrant lives, and nourishing our bodies and minds. Nourish aims to get this balance just right by including protein, carbohydrates, fibre, healthy fats and vegetables in each delicious meal. Parents can rest assured that their children will be well-fed and enjoy every meal!



Meals are priced at R70 per meal per day or R1050 per month for 12 months if you sign up for a year.

#### Menu Example:

<b>Monday</b>	Spicy Basmati Rice with Mince & Vegetables
	or
	Spicy Basmati Rice with Vegetables & Chick Peas
<b>Tuesday</b>	Roast Chicken with Roasted Potato and Oven Vegetables
	or
	Chicken Style Vegetarian Schnitzel with Potato and Oven Vegetables
<b>Wednesday</b>	Steak with Cucumber and Tomato Salad and Oven Chips
	or
	Vegetarian Meat Substitute, Cucumber and Tomato Salad and Oven Chips
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Burger with Coleslaw and Sweet Potato Salad
	or
	Vegetarian Burger with Coleslaw and Sweet Potato Salad
<b>Friday</b>	Whole Wheat Pasta with Mushroom, Fresh Basil and a
	Creamy Napoletana Sauce





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### TESTIMONIALS

I think this is outstanding. ESCA! It is as if school never stopped!  
Thank you for continuing at such a pace with such great quality for our kids.  
- Leigh Thomas

Thank you to the teachers who have produced the incredible amount of work that I have just seen on the guardian platform. Wow, Thank you and we will somehow get through this all.  
- Megan Murray

In times of uncertainty communication is key - ESCA and the team have done extremely well in this regard and the learning seems to be continuing seamlessly. Very well done team ESCA.  
- Craig Sauls

Thank you so much for all the hard work, commitment and time that you have given to making it possible for our children to learn online especially in the current environment.  
- Joe & Kim van Niekerk

Thank you [teachers and staff at ESCA] so much for all your hard work and efforts in putting together the virtual classroom quickly. The work gives us a good guideline of what needs to be done to keep up the learning... Huge kudos to you in all that you do!  
- Nosipho Rakoma

Thank you to you and your team for making this bizarre year a wonderful learning experience. It was seamless and enjoyable and we all felt involved and valued as both parents and student.  
- Tamara Grooteman

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to all the teachers for all your support and dedication throughout the lockdown period. Very thankful and grateful.  
- Simone Barbaglia



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### STAFF

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### FEE STRUCTURE

Phase	Foundation Phase	Primary School
Grades	1, 2, 3	4, 5, 6
Annual Levy	R 4,500	R 4,500
Annual Curriculum Fee	R 7,000	R 7,000
Term 1 School Fees (Monthly)	R 8,750	R 9,000
Term 2 School Fees (Monthly)		
Term 3 School Fees (Monthly)		

Phase	Middle School	Senior School	
Grades	7, 8, 9	10, 11, 12	GED
Annual Levy	R 4,500	R 4,500	R 4,500
Annual Curriculum Fee	R 8,500	R 11,000	R 3,000
Term 1 School Fees (Monthly)	R 9,250	R 9,500	R 8,750
Term 2 School Fees (Monthly)	R 9,750	R 10,000	R 9,000
Term 3 School Fees (Monthly)			

- Monthly fees include all tuition, the homework support programme and aftercare (open until 17h30 Mondays to Thursdays, and until 16h00 on Fridays).
- The annual levy includes Wanderers Club membership.
- All personalised coaching programmes and extramural sports and cultural activities are charged separately.
- Fees do not include textbooks or official British/GED® examination fees.
- School fees are payable monthly in advance, for 12 months of the year. ESCA offers a 2.5% discount for fees paid upfront for the year.
- A deposit equal to one month's fees is payable when joining and credited when your child leaves ESCA Wanderers.
- A term's notice, in writing, is required should your child leave the school.



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### APPLICATION



If the student is accepted but there is not a space immediately available, the Enrolment and Tuition Contract must be completed and submitted together with proof of payment for the Refundable Deposit and Levy to secure a place on the waiting list. Click the button below to apply.



### CONTACT US

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#### SCHOOL HOURS

**Academic:**  
08h00 – 14h00

**After School Programme:**  
14H00 – 17H30 (Monday to Thursday)  
14H00 – 16H00 (Fridays)