



Betesda Independent School

Learner's Today, Leaders Tomorrow



Welcome from the Principal



I would like to extend a warm welcome to Betesda School. A family friendly school situated in the heart of Richards Bay. At Betesda, we value each child as an individual with special abilities, gifts and needs and encourage all of our pupils to reach their full potential both academically, personally and socially. Our pupils are well behaved, polite and care for each other and their environment and our school is full of happy pupils inspired by the challenges we provide for them.

The teachers at Betesda are experienced and work hard to ensure that our curriculum is broad, stimulating and engaging for all of our pupils.

I believe that you, the parents and guardians, play a vital role in successful education therefore, in order to get the best out of our children, we endeavor to work in partnership with parents to ensure each child achieves the very best.

Our classrooms does not exceed 20 students per class.

This is to ensure that individual attention is given to each child. Our school provides extra-curricular activities including athletics, soccer, netball, cross country and chess.

This prospectus can only provide an outline of what we offer at Betesda Combined School and I would encourage you to come and pay a visit. I can assure you, that you will be very welcome and I look forward to meeting you.



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The School Ethos

Betesda School is a non-profit organization that consist of both Primary and Secondary phases. Betesda exist with a strong Christian ethos catering for children from Grade R to Grade 12. The school is situated in Alton, Richards Bay and forms part of the ZCBF grounds. The school is a vibrant and happy place and we work closely with our neighboring schools to ensure that the school is very much part of the community.

We have high expectations of our children and we are proud that their behavior is very good both inside and outside of school.

Betesda aims to foster independence as well as responsible behaviour which are aligned with the Word of God. The learners, educators and parents/guardians share responsibility for positive school behaviour. We work together to assume the best possible education for each student while maintaining individual rights and respecting the rights of others. Within this context, home and school must work together to ensure clarity and consistency of discipline.



Our Aim

To value each child as an individual with special abilities, gifts and needs and to ensure that they have equal access to all aspects of school life and an enjoyable education.

To create a stimulating yet orderly and safe environment conducive to learning in which children are encouraged to be creative, independent and confident.

To foster an environment that allows for creative and dynamic teaching where every member of staff feels valued and supported and has the opportunity for professional self-development.

To work in partnership with parents, the community, and local primary and secondary schools embracing trust, understanding and mutual support.

To encourage children and staff to adopt healthy lifestyles by promoting physical activity as part of a lifelong healthy lifestyle, encouraging them to eat sensibly and helping them to form positive relationships.

To provide a safe and nurturing environment that allows for the development of the academic, cultural, physical, moral, spiritual and social dimensions of each pupil.

To promote integrity, honesty and self respect in each pupil and develop compassion, tolerance and respect for others.



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Our Curriculum

Betsda offers a variety of subject choices in the curriculum.
The following curriculum is currently applicable for Grade 8 and 9
(all subjects compulsory):

English Home Language
Afrikaans First Additional Language
Life Orientation
Mathematics
Creative Arts
Natural Science
Economic and Management Science
Technology
Social Science





Parents in Partnership

We welcome parents into Betesda School believing we are partners in the education of your children.

There are many opportunities for parents to become involved in the life of the school and to gain a greater understanding of our work. Parents' time and expertise can be used in many ways in school and is greatly valued. The school communicates with parents in various ways e.g. newsletters, questionnaires and parents' consultation evenings, Instant School App.

Information is also placed on our website. Parents are invited to a range of events: assemblies, parents' evenings, sports afternoons and yearly concerts.

The school has a Home School Agreement in which the School outlines the expectations of the partnership and every effort is made to ensure it is effective.

Our Teachers

Our Teachers at Betesda are passionate and caring. We strive daily to advance the full potential of our learners and provide the best possible opportunities for them.

Please meet our teachers:

Principal	Mrs. G. Gumbi
English HL Gr. 4-6	Ms. Bezuidenhout
English HL Gr.7-9	Mr. Frank
Afrikaans FAL Gr. 4-9	Mrs: van der Merwe
Mathematics Gr 4-9	Mrs. N. Mabanga
Natural Science Gr. 4-9	Mrs. Sibiyi
EMS Gr. 7-9	Mrs. Naidoo
EMS Accounting Gr. 8-9	Mrs. van den Berg
Life Orientation Gr. 7-9	Ms. Mthembu
Life Skills Gr. 4-6	Mrs. Niadoo
Technology Gr.7-9	Ms. Mthembu
Social Science Gr.4-6	Ms. Mthembu
Creative Arts Gr.7-9	Ms. Bexuindhout
Grade R - 1:	Mrs. R. Almond Ass. Mrs. Kruger
Grade 2:	Ms. Pillay
Grade 3:	Ms. Valli



General Information

School Office Hours

The office is staffed from
7:00 am until 14:15 pm

School Hours

Gr. R-1 Hours: 7:00 am - 13:00 pm

Gr. 2-9 Hours: 7:00 am - 14:00 pm

Friday School Times: 7:00 am - 13:30 pm

Break Times Gr. R-3: 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Nibble Time Gr. R-3: 12:00 pm - 12:15 pm

Break Times Gr. 4-9: 10:30 am - 11:00 am

Morning and line up and Register
takes place at 7:20 am

Class time officially starts at 7:30 am
with first 5 min dedicated to devotional reading

Absences

If your child is absent through sickness or any
unavoidable cause, parents must phone the school
before 8:00am on each day of the absence.

Holiday Requests

No authorisation will be given for holidays during term
time. The Principal however has discretionary powers
to grant leave of absence in exceptional
circumstances. A request form for leave of absence is
available through the school office and must be
submitted at least two weeks prior to being absent.



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Class of 2017

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