

Quick facts!

Language: English

Foundation phase: Grade 1 to Grade 3

Intermediate phase: Grade 4 to Grade 7

Class size: Max 25 learners per class

School times: Monday to Thursday:

Grade 1 and 2: 7:30 - 12:45 | **Grade 3 to 7:** 7:30 - 14:00

Fridays:

Grade 1 to 3: 7:30 - 12:30 | **Grade 4 to 7:** 7:30 - 13:00

Aftercare: 13:00 – 17:00

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Hillcrest Christian Academy

Foundation phase: Grade 1 to Grade 3

In the foundation phase, we focus on teaching the foundational skills, concepts 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. 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 intermediate phase.

At Curro Hillcrest Christian Academy, our learning programme provides opportunity for all types of learning to take place and ensures that the needs of each child are met.

- Skills include mathematics, language and life skills, as well as Robotics, Art, Music, Drama, isiZulu, Afrikaans, Computers, Media and Physical education.
- Our academic programme is complimented by taking learning to the great outdoors. The Adventure Out There programme takes the children out on adventure trips where they learn a variety of skills which equip them for life. Each class enjoys one outdoor trip per term, and from Grade 3, the adventure includes sleeping out.
- The extramural timetable provides ample opportunity for each learner to participate in many sporting and cultural activities.



There are no 'average learners'. Every learner is celebrated for their own uniqueness and encouraged to build their lives on a solid Christian foundation.



Intermediate phase: Grades 4 to 7

Our academic programme follows the government CAPS curriculum. We also have our own curriculum developers who are experts in their respective fields and 'inject' cutting-edge topics and techniques into the curriculum. Our Robotics programme speaks to design, technology, problem-solving and computer programming, and adds to the fun of academic curiosity.

We strive to develop 21st Century Skills in an environment which includes interactive whiteboards, technology and tablets.

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 in this phase. This phase aims to prepare learners for the senior phase in our high school.

Curriculum:

- English home language
- Afrikaans first additional language
- isiZulu second additional language
- Mathematics
- Technology (Computer Studies)
- Physical Education
- Natural Science
- Human and Social Sciences
- Life Orientation
- Arts and Culture (this includes Art, Drama and Music. Musical instruments available are: guitar, violin, recorder, choir, djembe drumming, keyboard and marimba)
- Economic Management Science (Grade 7 only)



Foundation phase private coaching:

Garvz Sports Academy, Simply Cricket, BSF Cycling Academy, Pinetown Gymnastics and Andrew Radford Golf.

Our vibrant and thriving **Creative Arts Department** offers an extensive programme within the daily curriculum. Learners are afforded the opportunity to attend arts festivals, eisteddfods and to participate in international music and drama examinations and school productions.

Cultural Activities

Art, drama, marimba band, choir, curricular keyboard, guitar, violin, djembe drums, recorder and percussion.

Extramural private coaching in various instruments.

Sports activities:

Most major seasonal sports are offered with selected professional coaches imparting skills, a competitive edge, good sportsmanship and a positive attitude. Learners are given every opportunity to reach district, provincial and national levels.

Swimming, tennis (professional academy), hockey, netball, soccer, cricket, cross-country, water polo, rugby, athletics and chess

Value-added programme

1. **Discovery Centre:** where we support and extend learners through in-house private specialists.
2. **Adventure Out There** programme extends beyond ordinary outings, excursions and tours and provides a balanced, fun-filled outdoor experience. Along with formal practical environmental awareness, learners are challenged with activities and exercises that give them an opportunity to discover and develop their potential. This programme includes sleeping out, starting with two nights in Grade 4 and increasing to four nights by Grade 7.

Some of the practical skills covered are: water studies, farming, marine studies, camping, hiking, canoeing, rope work, fire safety, flora and fauna studies, water safety, first aid, abseiling, orienteering, scuba diving and archery.

Christian Ethos

A Christian lifestyle is the all-encompassing value system here at Curro Hillcrest Christian Academy. Our educators are the role models who demonstrate a lifestyle of ethics, integrity, discipline and love in the school programme. We start each day with devotions and learners are encouraged to find biblical solutions to contemporary challenges, to apply Godly wisdom and understanding to every circumstance, and to develop their natural talents in harmony with spiritual growth.

STEP 1:

All relevant forms are available on:
www.curro.co.za



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

STEP 2:

Complete the following:

- Application for admission
- Application for aftercare (if applicable)

It is important to complete the application-for-admission form thoroughly and to attach ALL the relevant supporting documents.

STEP 3:

Application forms will be assessed and a credit check performed.

STEP 4:

We invite the learner for an assessment and an interview with the parents.

STEP 6:

Payment of the enrolment fee must be made to secure the learner's place for the next academic year. (Please retain the proof of payment for record purposes.)

STEP 5:

Once the learner has been accepted, relevant details will be captured, at which time parents receive an email confirming the learner's status of acceptance and a family code, and the account holder receives an invoice for the once-off, non-refundable enrolment fee and the banking details.

PLEASE NOTE:

A learner must benefit from Curro'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 Curro family.

How to enrol:

Contact Details:

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