

CASTLE



CURRO Castle Nelspruit

Home away from home

At Curro Castle Nelspruit, 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 and Afrikaans

Ages: From 4 months to 4 years

Class size: Controlled class sizes

School times:

Half day: 08:00 – 14:00

Full day: 08:00 – 17:30

Early drop-off time: 06:45

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 Curro Castle Nelspruit premises, include:

Gymnastics, Aqua Kid, Little Lab Coats, Tumbling Tigerz, Soccercise Starz and ballet





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 which are freshly prepared in our on-site lunchroom. Parents are required to provide snacks.
- Teachers each have teacher's assistants based on the age group and number of children in the class.
- We have a registered nurse on-site during the school day and 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.
- We are open during school holidays and run a full holiday programme from 07:00 to 17:00. However, we are closed on public holidays and specified dates as reflected on our website.
- We use the HiMama app to communicate with parents.

HOW TO ENROL

STEP 1:

Apply to enrol with one of the following options:

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

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PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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 intermediate phase.

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Language: English and Afrikaans

Foundation phase: From 5 years to Grade 3

Intermediate phase (Grades 4 to 6) and Grade 7

School times:

Group 5 and Grade R: 07:15 – 12:30 (waiting class until 13:30)

Grades 1 to 3: 07:30 – 13:00 (Fridays until 12:30)

Grades 4 to 7: 07:30 – 13:30 (Fridays until 13:15)

Aftercare: Until 17:30

Transport: Sabie, Malelane (more on website)

Subjects

The three main learning areas are:

Language – English or Afrikaans Home Language and Afrikaans or English First Additional Language; Siswati as a conversational language (from Grade 1)

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. Robotics, music and computers form part of the curriculum.

Cultural activities – foundation phase

Music (piano and violin), choir, art, charity and outreach, public speaking, allegretto, eisteddfods and school concert

Sports activities – foundation phase

Athletics, ball skills, mountain biking, chess, rugby, hockey, netball, tennis, soccer, cricket, swimming and cross-country

Extramural activities – foundation phase

Vary by age:

Gymnastics, Little Lab Coats, Soccer Starz, ballet, swimming, tennis, Tina Cowley (reading) and Tiny Rhinos

Value-added programmes – foundation phase

Tumbling Tigerz, tennis, movement, extra Mathematics and phonics lessons, music, Learn 2 Swim and computer studies



Intermediate phase (Grades 4 to 6) and Grade 7

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 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.

We aim to embrace 21st-century learning by incorporating the use of tablets in our classrooms. We currently raise children who are 'digital natives'. By embracing innovative technology into our schools, we are speaking the language our learners understand.

Curriculum

English or Afrikaans Home Language, Afrikaans or English First Additional Language, Siswati (conversational, Grade 4), Mathematics, Natural Sciences and Technology, Social Sciences, Life Skills, Creative Arts, Computer Literacy, Real Life 4 Kids (Grade 5), Robotics (Grades 4 to 6), Economic and Management Sciences with a focus on Accounting (Grade 7), Applied Mathematics (Grade 7), Technology (Grade 7)

Sports activities – intermediate phase

Chess, rugby, cricket, hockey (boys and girls), netball, soccer (boys and girls), cross-country, athletics, swimming, tennis, mountain biking, target shooting and golf

Cultural activities – intermediate phase

Eisteddfod, drama, public speaking, Curro Create, school musical productions, marimba and drumming band, ATKV Tjokker Toneel, culture period (Play Festival, film study, photography, first aid, worship band, art, dance, recycling and more)

Extramural activities – intermediate phase

Drama, ballet, music (piano, violin, vocals)

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HIGH SCHOOL



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Our goal is to develop responsible, independent and proud individuals who will make a positive contribution to society.

Our ethos is governed by Christian values (ethics and morals) where learners are encouraged to explore and express their individuality within acceptable boundaries, and ultimately take responsibility for their actions.

We guide them to follow their hearts and minds to develop into the best people they can be.

Our dynamic curriculum covers problem-solving, critical thinking and the development of skills and values. Both individual and group work are evaluated.

Curro Nelspruit produces a community of teenagers who know how to think innovatively, express their ideas and take charge of their own lives.

Learners are prepared for the matriculation examinations set by the Independent Examinations Board (IEB).



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Language: English and Afrikaans

Grades: Grade 8 to Grade 12

Matric examination: IEB

Class size: Controlled class sizes

School times: 07:30 – 14:30

Individual extra classes: 14:00 – 14:45
(appointment)

Transport: Sabie, Malelane (more on website)

Curriculum (Grade 8 and Grade 9)

- Afrikaans or English Home Language
- Afrikaans, English, or Siswati First Additional Language
- Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy
- Life Orientation
- Social Studies
- Natural Sciences
- Visual Arts (Grade 8)
- Agricultural Studies (Grade 8)
- Technology, including Robotics (Grade 8)
- Economic and Management Sciences (EMS)
- Engineering Graphics and Design (Grade 9)
- Music (Grade 9)
- Design (Grade 9)



Cultural activities

Eisteddfod, school musical productions, Curro Create, ATKV-Tienertoneel, public speaking, marimba and drumming band and a cappella choir

Sports activities

Rugby, hockey, netball, tennis, target shooting, soccer, cricket, swimming, athletics, cross-country, biathlon, chess and mountain biking

Value-added offerings

Business and entrepreneurship programme, various olympiads, subject choice assessments and career guidance counsellor, remote learning for learners in self-isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic

Curriculum (Grade 10 to Grade 12)

Compulsory subjects:

- Afrikaans or English Home Language
- Afrikaans, English or Siswati First Additional Language
- Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy
- Life Orientation

Elective subjects:

- Accounting
- Geography
- History
- Business Studies
- Visual Arts
- Music
- Consumer Studies
- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Agricultural Sciences
- Design
- Drama
- Tourism
- Advanced Programme Mathematics
- Computer Applications Technology (CAT)
- Engineering Graphics and Design (EGD)



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