

CASTLE



CURRO Castle Waterfall

At Curro Castle Waterfall, 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

Ages: From 2 years to 5 years

Class size: Controlled class sizes

School times:

Half day: 08:00 – 13:30

Full day: 08:00 – 17:30

Early drop-off time: 07:00

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

Value-added programmes

Vary per age:

Clamber Club, music enrichment, Learn 2 Swim





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 loose-parts play and 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 kitchen.
- 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 and teachers have first-aid training.
- Children's progress are monitored continually. Parents are updated every term and receive a developmental learning profile at the end of the 2nd and 4th terms.
- Teachers communicate with parents through the ClassDojo app.
- We are open during school holidays and run a full holiday programme. However, we are closed on public holidays and specified dates as reflected on our website.

HOW TO ENROL

STEP 1:

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STEP 6:

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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 Letterland 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.

QUICK FACTS

Language: English

Foundation phase: Grade R to Grade 3

Intermediate phase (Grades 4 to 6) and Grade 7

Class size: Maximum 25 learners

School times:

School starts at 07:30 for all grades and end times vary depending on the grade.

Aftercare: Until 17:30

Subjects

The three main learning areas are:

Language – English Home Language and Afrikaans or isiZulu First Additional Language

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 and IT form part of the curriculum.

Cultural activities – foundation phase

Music, drama and annual productions

Sports activities – foundation phase

PE, Playball, cricket, tennis, hockey, rugby, swimming, soccer, athletics and mini-netball

Value-added programmes – foundation phase

Mathletics, extra academic lessons, a library, holiday programmes, Learn 2 Swim (Grades R to 2) and other weekly clubs

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 2-in-1 devices 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 Home Language, Afrikaans or isiZulu First Additional Language, Mandarin Second Additional Language (optional), Mathematics, Life Orientation, Natural Sciences (Biology and Physical Sciences), Social Sciences (Geography and History), Arts and Culture, Information Technology, Music.

Value-added programmes – intermediate phase

Mathletics, Computer Studies, Real Life 4 Kids entrepreneurial programme (Grade 5), robotics club, fine arts club, grade-specific character-building tours, STEAMD classroom (3D printing, laser cutting and virtual reality)

Sports activities – intermediate phase

Cricket, hockey, tennis, rugby, swimming, soccer, netball, indoor netball, cross-country, indoor hockey, chess, athletics and golf

Cultural activities – intermediate phase

Choir, music, marimba band, eisteddfod, drama, robotics and coding clubs (Grades 4 to 6), makerspace and various clubs and societies

Extramural activities – private tutors/coaches

Ballet, judo, music, acrobatics, rugby, cricket and Curro Tennis

Microsoft partner school

Curro Waterfall is a Microsoft partner school, engaging with the Microsoft 365 program and its educational platform.

- Full access to Wi-Fi (once on board)
- 2-in-1 devices are used as a tool to enhance both teaching and learning
- 21st-century learning preparing learners for the future

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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.

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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 Waterfall 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).



QUICK FACTS

Language: English

Grades: Grade 8 to Grade 11 (higher grades phasing in)

Matric examination: IEB

Class size: Maximum 25 learners per class

School times: 07:30 – 14:30

International exposure programmes

Unique innovation and social development focus

Curriculum (Grade 8 and Grade 9)

- English Home Language
- Afrikaans or isiZulu First Additional Language
- Mathematics
- Creative Arts (Visual Art and Music)
- Economic and Management Sciences (Accounting and Business Studies)
- Natural Sciences (Biology and Physical Sciences)
- Social Sciences (History and Geography)
- Technology (theory, practical, technical drawing)
- Computer Science (including introduction to programming)
- Innovation (drone, virtual reality, 3D printing, laser cutting and coffee brewing)
- Life Orientation (social development, community service)
- Junior Advanced Programme Mathematics (optional)
- Mandarin Second Additional Language (optional)

Cultural activities

Public speaking, eisteddfod, plays, marimba band, school newspaper, and sound and lighting engineering (includes training)

Sports activities

Athletics, golf, cross-country, cricket, indoor and outdoor hockey (boys and girls), netball, rugby, soccer (boys and girls), swimming, and tennis

Extramural activities

Offered by private tutors/coaches at an additional cost:

Music (piano, guitar and drums; other instruments included on demand)



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- Document cameras, SMARTboards, and 2-in-1 devices are used to enhance teaching and learning
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Curriculum (Grade 10 to Grade 12)

Compulsory subjects

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

Elective subjects:

- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Information Technology (IT)
- Computer Applications Technology (CAT)
- Engineering Graphics and Design (EGD)
- Accounting
- Business Studies
- Geography
- History
- Visual Arts
- Music
- Advance Programme Mathematics
- Innovation (drone, VR, 3D printing, laser cutting and coffee brewing)
- Mandarin Second Additional Language (optional)

Value-added offerings:

(Included in the school fees)

- Extra lessons after school
- Unique, specialised subjects
- Programming and science club
- Tour de Math competitions (against 100 other independent schools)
- Subject choice guidance and aptitude tests in Grade 9
- Career guidance and assistance in application for tertiary education
- Leadership opportunities from Grade 7
- STEAMD classrooms (Innovation subject)
- Scholarships for high-achieving learners

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