

### 2020 INTERIM RESULTS

19 August 2020











Interim results – 30 June 2020



### COVID-19



**Business overview** 









### Background



#### Curro listed on the JSE – June 2011

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	End Jan 2020	End June 2020	9-year CAGR
Campuses	12	22	26*	32*	41	48	51	58	70	76	76	23%
Schools	24	61	72	80	100	114	127	138	166	175	177	25%
Learners	4 200	12 473	21 027	28 737	35 148	42 343	45 870	51 305	57 597	62 698	59 967	34%

\*Includes Embury Institute for Teacher Education

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### STRATEGY BEFORE DECEMBER 2014



#### Greenfields

- **Included parallel medium schools** an Afrikaans stream as well as an English stream.
- Some campuses were developed in rural areas with lower learner number growth and has seen an economic strain for the previous 3 to 4 years.

Prior to 2011, the maximum learners per class was 20. At some schools this was phased out and **learners per class increased to 25**.





**Focus was on Curro traditional schools.** Entered into Meridian venture in 2013 – thereafter developed Curro Academy school model.

The **bulk of the acquisitions were realigned to Curro campuses** with the biggest acquisitions being Woodhill, Northern Academy etc.

Lower land prices and limited competition.



### **STRATEGY AFTER DECEMBER 2014**



**Competition entered catchment areas** of some of our schools which led to negative effects for two to three years, but most of the schools recovered quickly.

**Pressure on higher-fee schools** (economic and immigration)

Increase in land prices as competition increased

The education landscape started changing in 2012 with competition entering the private school market. To stay competitive, additional unplanned capital spend in Select and traditional Curro schools (construction of additional sport facilities such as AstroTurf hockey fields, swimming pools etc).





**Greenfields were only done in the Western Cape, Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal**. Several acquisitions such as Windhoek Gymnasium, Baobab School etc – IRR of 25%

**Aggressive growth in the Curro Academy market** (from 2015).

**Only English medium Curro traditional schools** have been constructed.

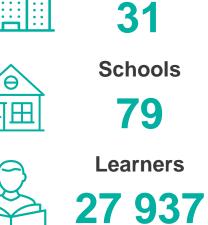
The continuous focus on making education more affordable led to the launch of Curro DigiEd in 2019 and Curro Online in 2020.

**Curro traditional schools** have 25 learners per class and Curro Academy and **Meridian schools have 35 learners** per class. DigiEd (class dependent).



### **STRATEGIC FOCUS – BEFORE AND AFTER 2014**

**Before** 



Campuses

2014	2014	1
Models	Schools added since 2014	% of total
Curro schools	35	36%
Select schools	21	21%
Academy and Meridian schools	29	30%
DigiEd and NCV schools	5	5%
Curro Online	2	2%
Assisted learning	2	2%
Castles	4	4%
Total	98	100%

After



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Schools

177



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Learners **59 967** 

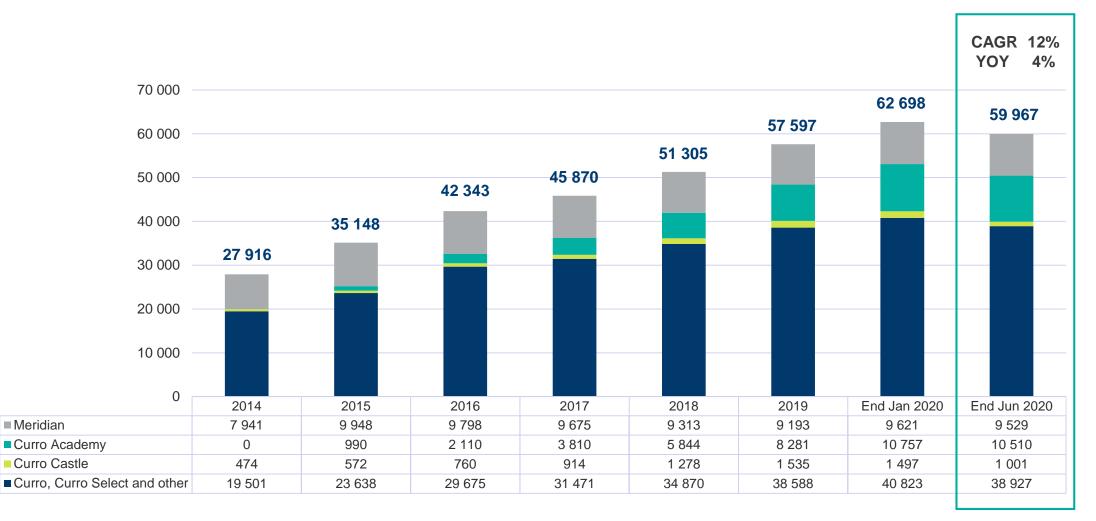


School growth since 2014 124%



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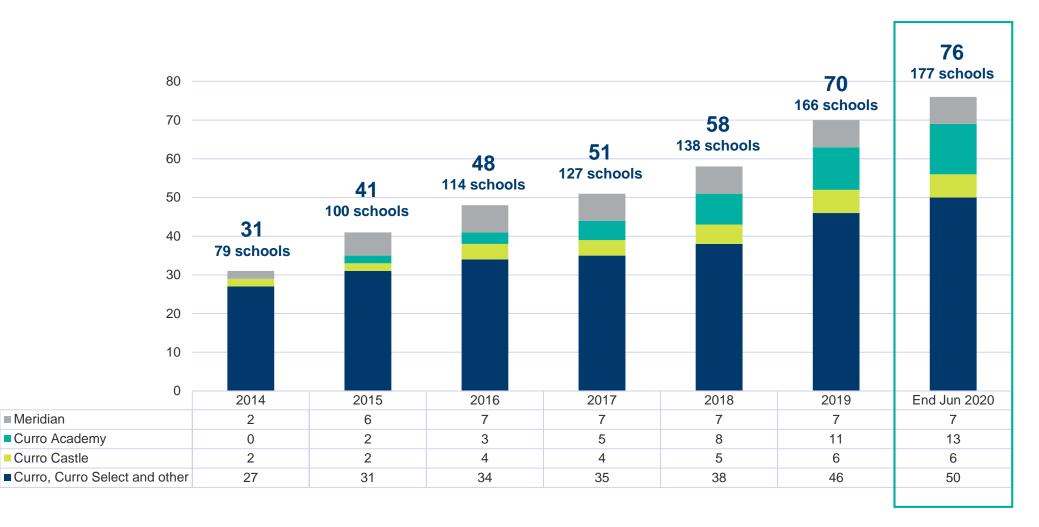
## NUMBER OF LEARNERS





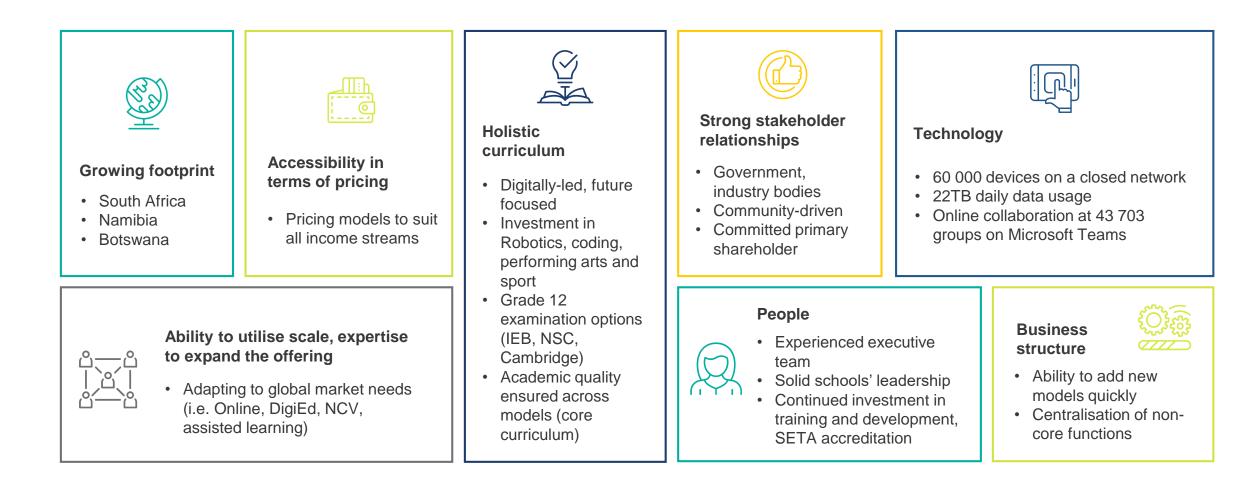
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## NUMBER OF CAMPUSES



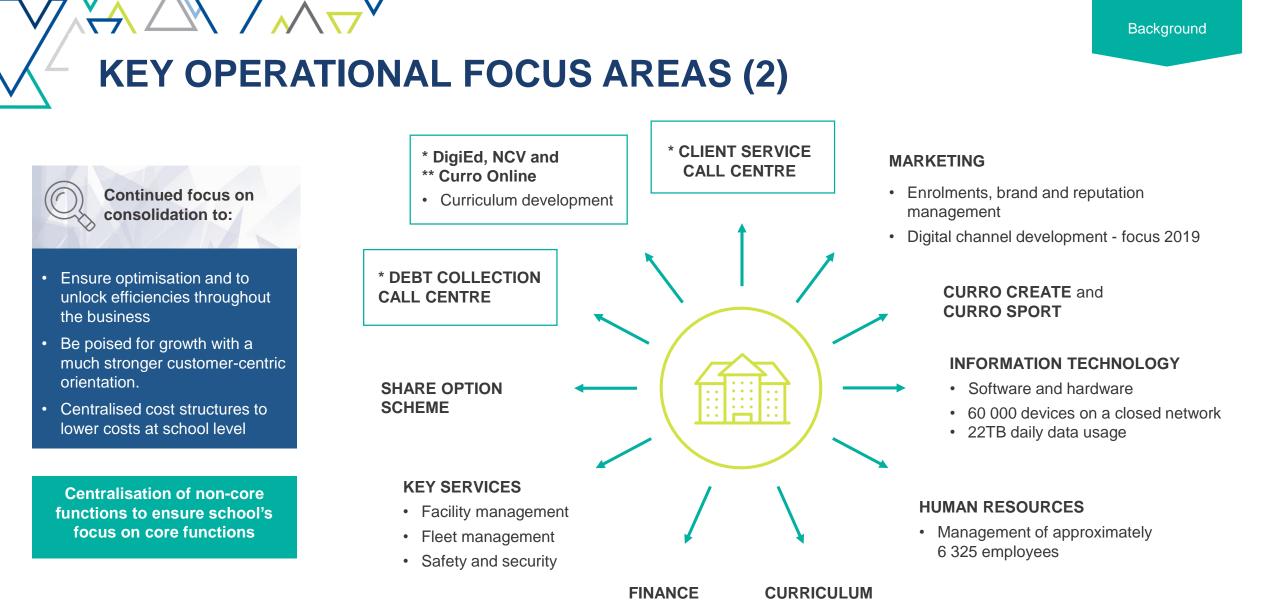


# KEY OPERATIONAL FOCUS AREAS (1)





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\* Started in 2019

\*\* Started in 2020

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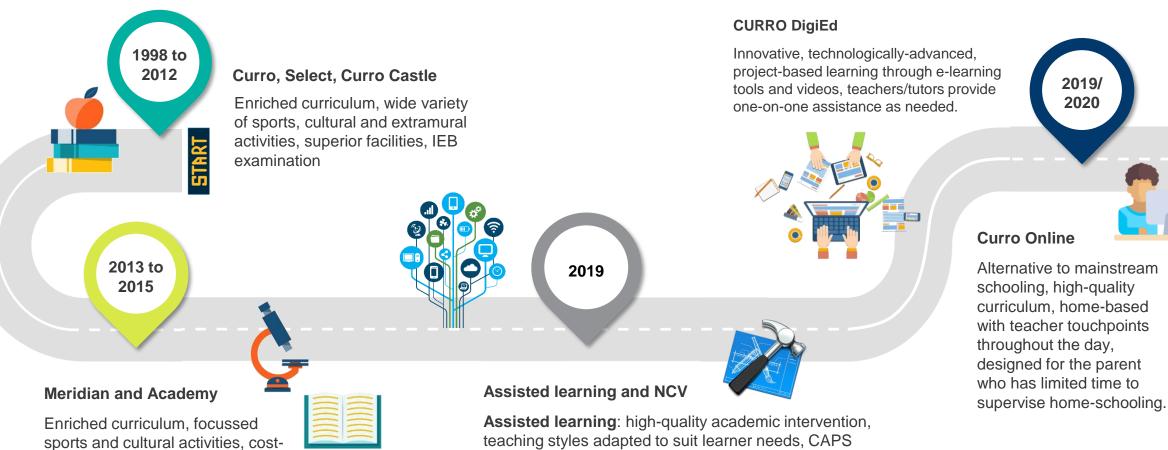
Continuous development and

quality (all brands)

management/control of academic

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**CURRO PRODUCT ROADMAP** 



sensitive, NSC examination

curriculum, NSC examination

NCV: Runs parallel to Grade 12, high-standard, skillsfocussed allowing learners to specialise from a schoolgoing age

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### **EXPANDING OUR MODELS (as at June 2020)**

	Curro Castles	Curro, Curro Select, Assisted learning and NCV colleges	Curro Academy and Meridian campuses	Curro DigiEd and Curro Online campuses
Campuses	6	46	20	4
Learners	1 001	38 121	20 039	806
Average monthly fees	R4 482	R5 269	R2 680	R2 867
Maximum learners () per class	25	25	35	Class dependent
Ages	3 months – 5 years	3 months – 18 years	5 – 18 years	7 – 18 years



Background

#### https://www.gov.za/speeches/basic-education-budget-vote-speech-17-jul-2019-0000

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### 2019/2020

% of government expenditure

20%

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#### employees, 9% goods and services, 4% buildings and other fixed infrastructure

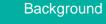
Budget allocation – 79% compensation of

#### Capital spend on TVET colleges, therefore decline in number of public schools

#### Private schools protected by the constitution .

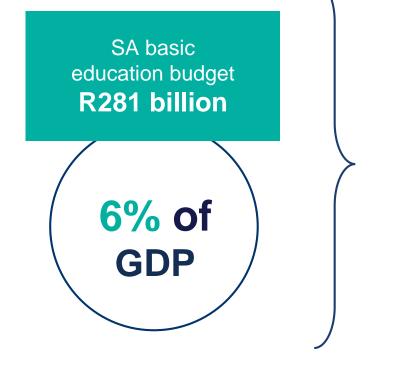
### programmes

- Per pupil spending on average R16 500
- More spending on higher education (due to #feesmustfall)
- Budget focus on ECD and special needs



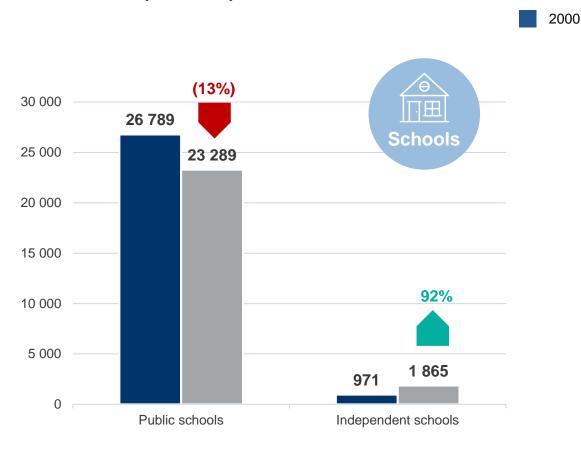
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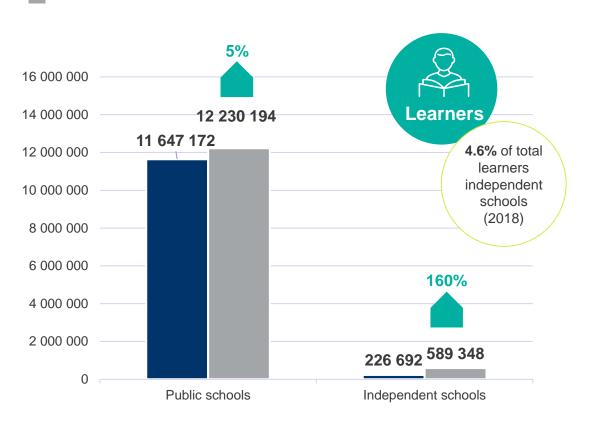
### **SA EDUCATION LANDSCAPE**



Source: Centre for Risk Analysis, Socio-Economic survey of South Africa 2020 - Chapter 8: Education

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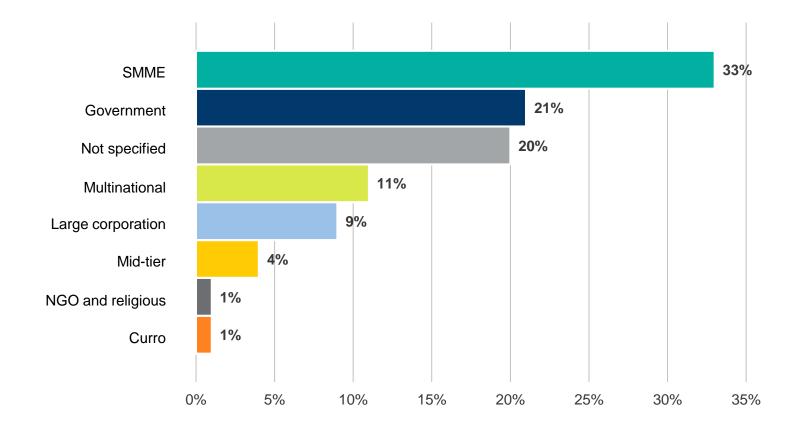
Education (schools) sector

# MARKET ANALYSIS

Background



#### Analysis of parents/guardians' employment sectors



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#### Background

## ILLUSTRATION: FILLING OF A SCHOOL (YIELD/ROA)

4899	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Eventual capacity		1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300
90% of built capacity		1 170	1 170	1 170	1 170	1 170	1 170	1 170	1 170	1 170	1 170	1 170
Built capacity		630	630	630	900	900	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300	1 300
Learner numbers		150	300	450	608	759	873	961	1 046	1 128	1 170	1 170
% of eventual capacity		11.5%	23.1%	34.6%	46.7%	58.4%	67.2%	73.9%	80.5%	86.8%	90.0%	90.0%
% of built capacity		23.8%	47.6%	71.4%	67.5%	84.4%	67.2%	73.9%	80.5%	86.8%	90.0%	90.0%
Capital invested	96	96	96	130	130	168	168	168	168	168	168	168
EBITDA margin %		0%	15%	24%	29%	32%	33%	35%	37%	39%	40%	42%
Yield % (Revalued)		(2%)	1%	5%	7%	9%	11%	13%	15%	17%	19%	20%
ROA % (Historical cost)		(2%)	1%	4%	8%	10%	13%	16%	19%	24%	27%	30%

#### **Explanations:**

- Yield EBIT/Revalued assets at the beginning of the current year
- Maximum learner 90% of eventual capacity

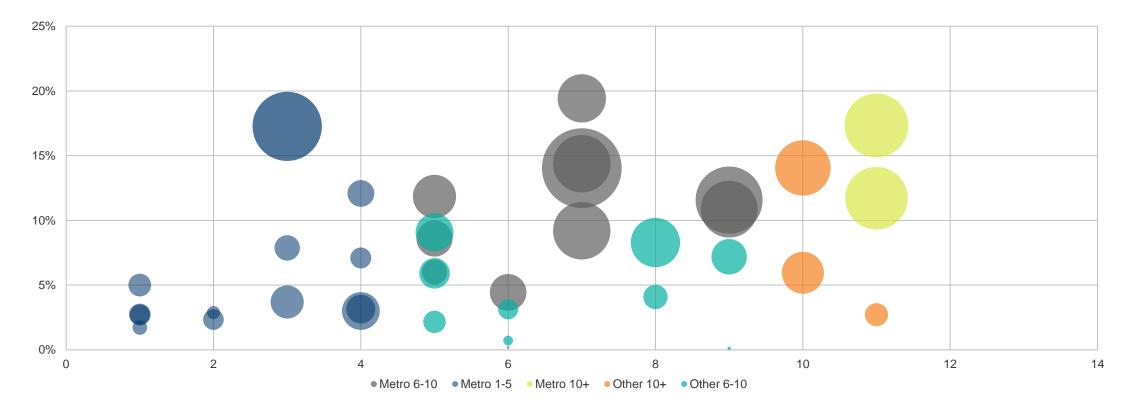
#### **Explanation of school:**

- Full capacity 4 stream school (4 classes per grade)
- School only from Grade R to Grade 12
- Year 1 open school Grade 1 to Grade 8 phasing in grades 9 to 12 as from year 2

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### DEVELOPED SCHOOLS - YIELDS



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\* Metro is defined as schools in major metropolitan areas (Gauteng, Cape Town, Durban)

\*\* Excludes schools with negative yields

\*\*\* Yields are on rolling 12 month ending 30 June 2020

\*\*\*\* Yield – EBIT/revalued assets at the beginning of the current year.

The graph excludes the following loss-making campuses:

- Schools Metro and Rural 5-10 years: Curro Monaghan, Meridian Newcastle, Curro Hermanus and Curro Mossel Bay which have been impaired.
- Curro Academy Mamelodi and Curro Academy Riverside which are in their third year of operation but have once-off municipal costs that are being disputed.

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• 10 Loss-making campuses that are less than 2 years in operation.

## YEARS – SCHOOL OPERATIONAL

	Number of campuses	% of total
Campuses older than 10 years	5	7%
Campuses between 5 and 10 years	39	51%
Campuses younger than 5 years	32	42%
	76	100%







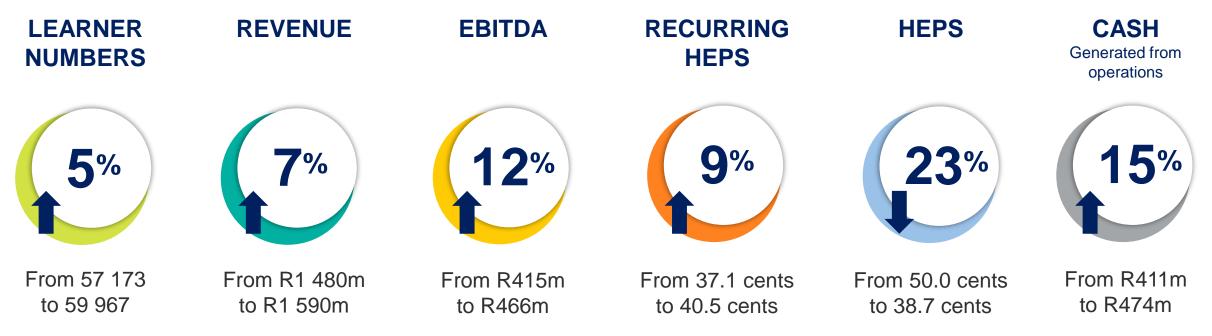
### **Financial results**

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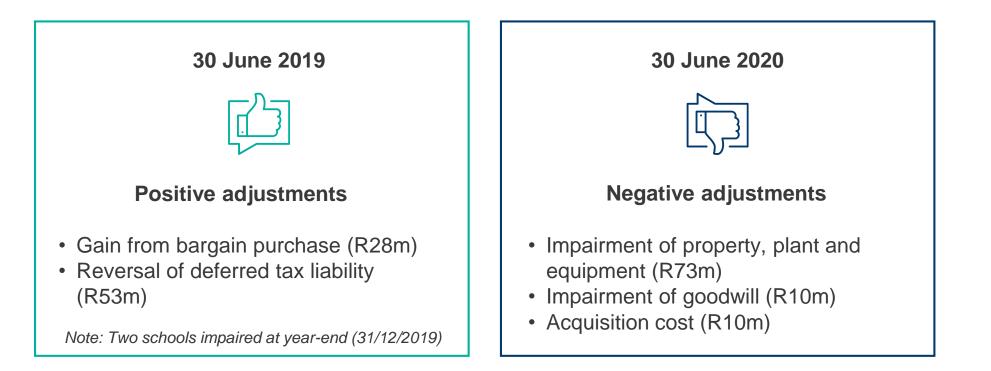
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HEPS once-off adjustments





## OPERATIONAL COMMENTARY (2)

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- First 3 months of the financial year learner numbers 9% up and collections 24% up vs prior year
- COVID-19 temporary closure of schools 18 March 2020 to 1 June 2020
- **Remote learning** during lockdown; **hybrid learning** since re-opening
- All grades open and schools remain open during July 2020
- **Confirmed COVID-19 cases**: 0.25% of total learners positive, 1.56% of staff positive.
- No contamination at school level; in line with national average
- **COVID-19 discounts** given to parents R60m
- Ancillary services (i.e. transport/boarding) reduced not invoiced during COVID-19 period, no enrolment fees
- Higher bad debt provided uncertain what effect will be for the rest of the year



Financial results

## OPERATIONAL COMMENTARY (3)



- Pre-school learners materially impacted
- Salary savings retrenchments pre-school staff, cost adjustment
- Curro Online launch June 2020
- **Capital savings** no new greenfields, delay construction projects (i.e. limited sports facilities constructed)
- Debt R1 billion of 3-year bullet funding to repay R838m of debt at 30 basis points lower
- **GCR ratings** assigned us BBB+ and A2 for the long and the short term respectively, with stable outlook
- Announced partially underwritten non-renounceable rights offer



Financial results

68592		Dec 2014	Dec 2015	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	Dec 2018	Dec 2019	5Yr CAGR	June 2019	June 2020	% Difference
Campuses	#	31	41	48	51	58	70	18%	68	76	12%
Schools	#	79	100	114	127	138	166	16%	164	177	8%
Learners	#	27 916	35 148	42 343	45 870	51 305	57 597	16%	57 173	59 967	5%
% of built capacity	%			69%	70%	69%	70%		70%	67%	
Revenue	Rm	966	1 345	1 714	2 099	2 496	2 944	25%	1 480	1 590	7%
Schools EBITDA	Rm	256	375	487	594	772	873	28%	491	546	11%
EBITDA	Rm	191	292	377	473	627	693	29%	415	466	12%
EBITDA Margin	%	19%	21%	22%	23%	25%	24%		28%	29%	
Net interest expense	Rm	55	91	70	78	138	243	35%	109	135	24%
HEPS (Recurring)	Cents	16	26.2	41.8	49	60.1	51	26%	37.1	40.5	9%
Learner/teacher ratio	#	15	15	17	17	17	18	4%	18	17	(6%)
Capital invested	Rm	1 305	1 010	1 486	1 136	1 493	1 285	0%	559	292	(48%)
Cumulative capital invested	Rm	3 834	4 864	6 350	7 486	8 979	10 265	22%	9 538	10 557	11%
Total building size	m²	392 314	449 067	558 683	598 194	656 081	700 946	12%	656 777	707 492	8%



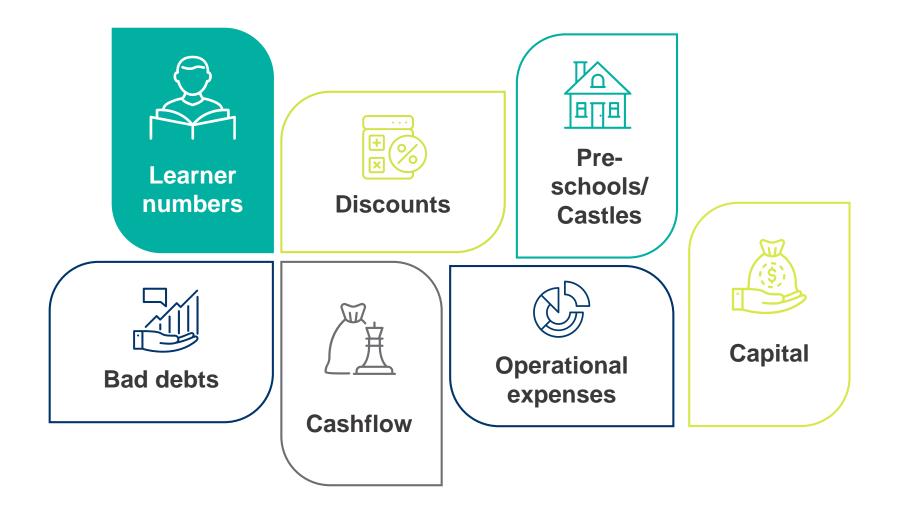
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### COVID-19





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Per brand – movement April to June 2020

	PRE-COVID	MOVEMENT
	21 March 2020	30 June 2020
Curro, Select and other	40 667	38 927
Meridian	9 595	9 529
Academy	10 738	10 510
Castles	1 482	1 001
Total	62 482	59 967

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## COVID-19 IMPACT – Learner numbers

#### **Movement of learners**

	Negative mov	/ement	% of movement
Preschool (Groups 1 to 5)		1 825	72.6%
Primary to high school (Grades R to 12)		690	27.4%
		2 515	
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	Negative movement	Learners March	% of March learners

	movement	Learners March	learners
Preschool (Groups 1 to 5)	1 825	7 419	24.6%
Primary to high school (Grades R to 12)	690	55 063	1.25%
	2 515	62 482	





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### COVID-19 IMPACT – Learner numbers

Enrolments during COVID-19 period compared to prior years

	2018	2019	2020
April	567	807	295
Мау	322	374	186
June	172	143	522
July	539	911	881
August	356	383	466

Enrolments as from June increased due to re-opening of schools and the launch of Curro Online.



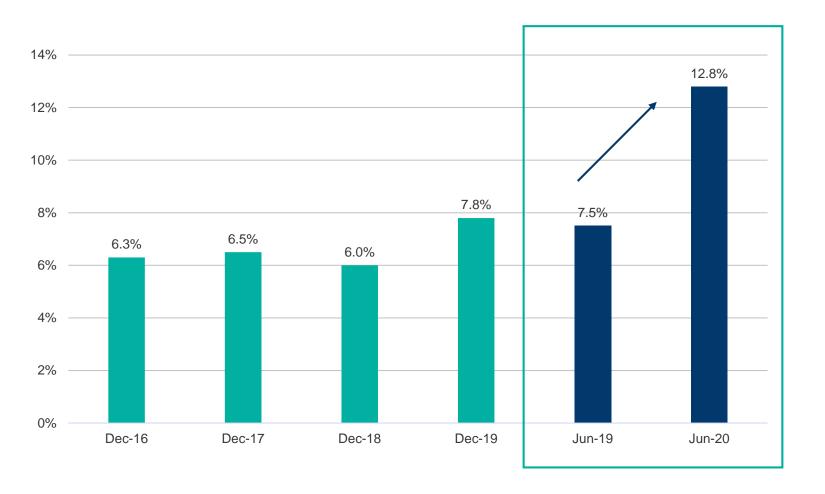




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# DISCOUNTS AS % OF REVENUE





Focus on learner retention



COVID-19 related discount of R60m (3.8%)

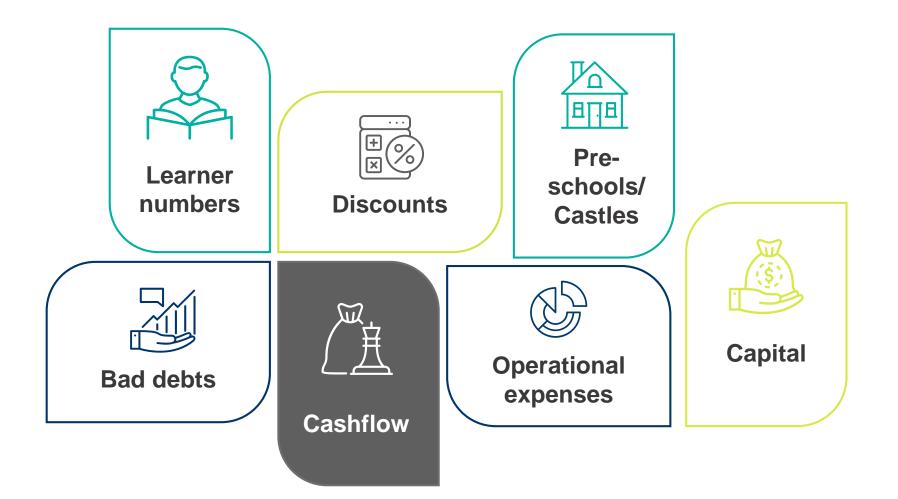
#### Rand value discounts granted (R million)

	30 June 2019	31 Dec 2019	30 June 2020
Personnel	(36)	(74)	(42)
Bursaries	(32)	(63)	(35)
COVID-19	-	-	(60)
Other	(43)	(93)	(67)
Total	(111)	(230)	(204)



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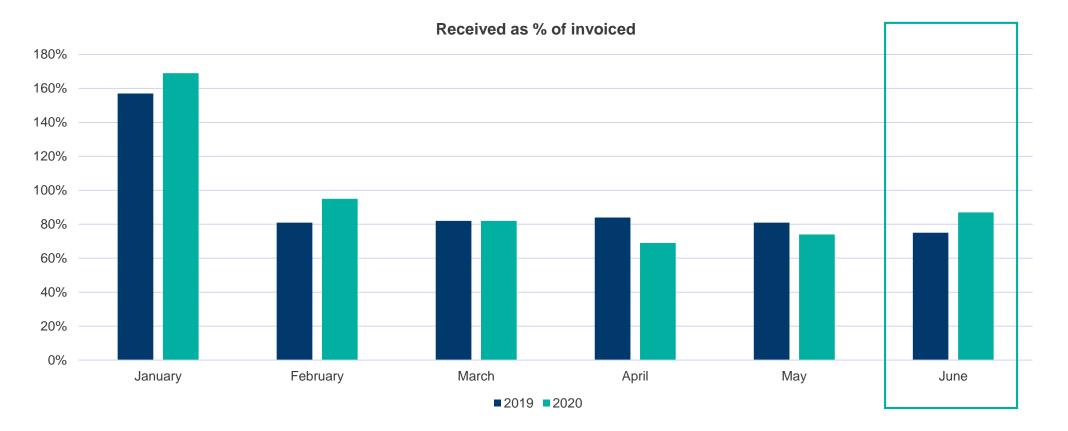






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# COVID-19 IMPACT – CASH INFLOW



Cash inflow improved in June, however significant uncertainty remains regarding 2nd half cash flows



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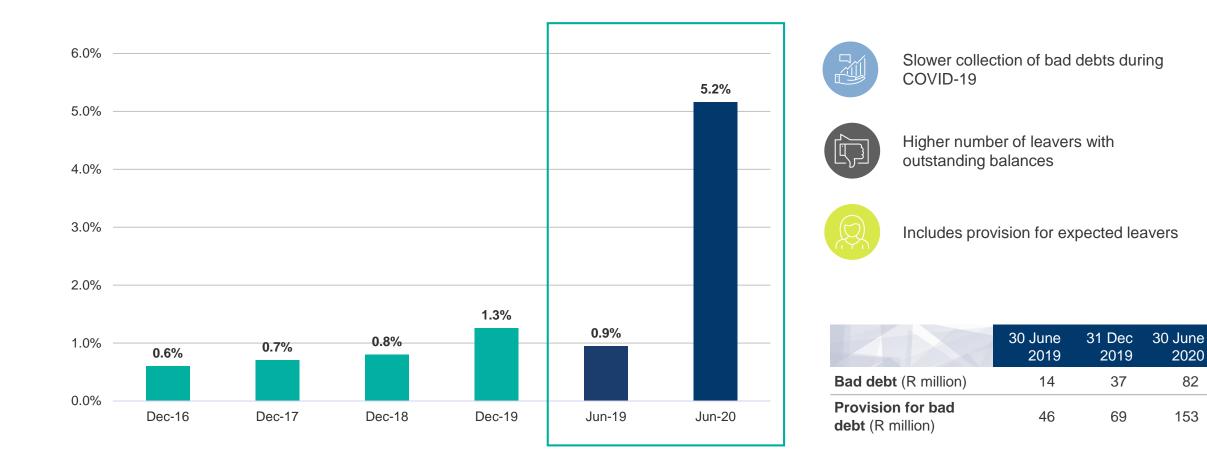


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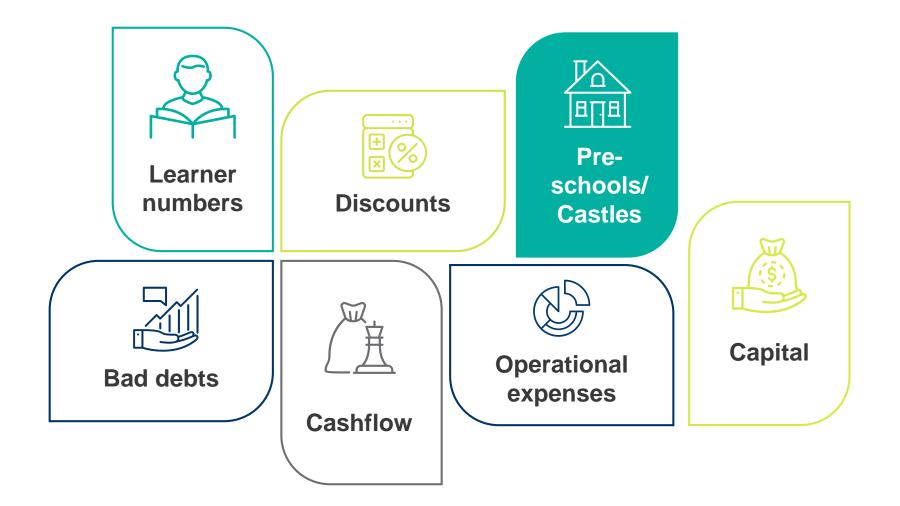
# BAD DEBT AS % OF REVENUE





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Decrease our exposure to this market

## Learner numbers (Groups 1 to 5)

	Jun 2019	Jan 2020	Jun 2020
Castles/Nursery schools	7 757	7 634	5 787



50% of parents indicated they will return when we open 20% of parents indicated they will return in 2021

Castle/Nursery school numbers (Groups 1 to 5) = 6 stand-alone Castles as well as those linked to specific schools within the group.



# **PRE-SCHOOLS – STAND-ALONE CASTLES**

Strategy change, gradual exit of segment with a focus on Group 3 and up. As of January 2021 proceed with the following:



## CONVERSION

Curro Castle Douglasdale	Johannesburg	Converting to a primary school
Curro Castle Oakdene	Johannesburg	Converting to a primary school
Curro Castle George	Western Cape	Converting to a primary school
Curro Castle Burgundy	Cape Town	Converting to an assisted learning school

In addition, we have closed three Castles at Curro schools and converted them to staff / residential accommodation.

We remain focused on the education development of the child at this critical phase of their development.



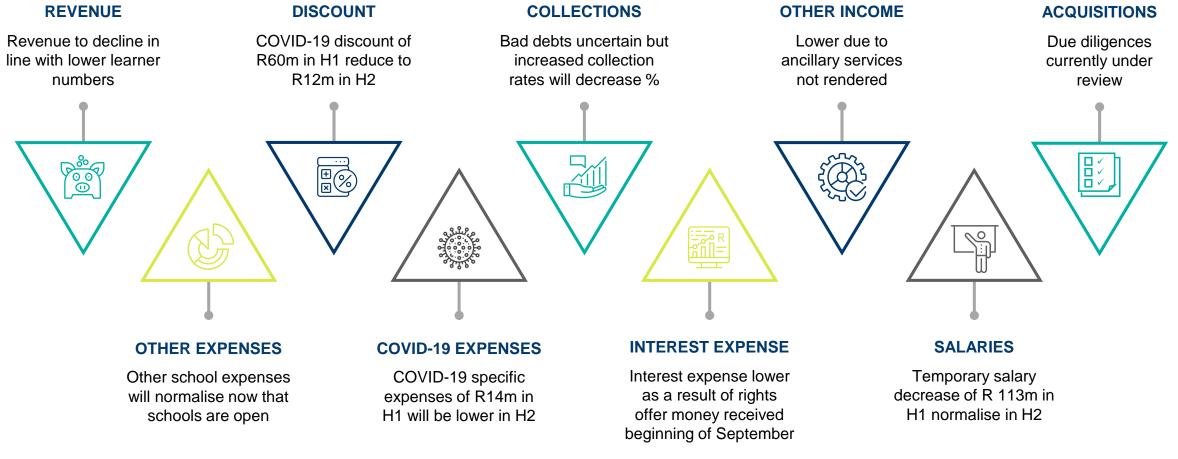




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# $/ \sqrt{\nabla}^{\vee}$ **SECOND-HALF INCOME AND EXPENSES**



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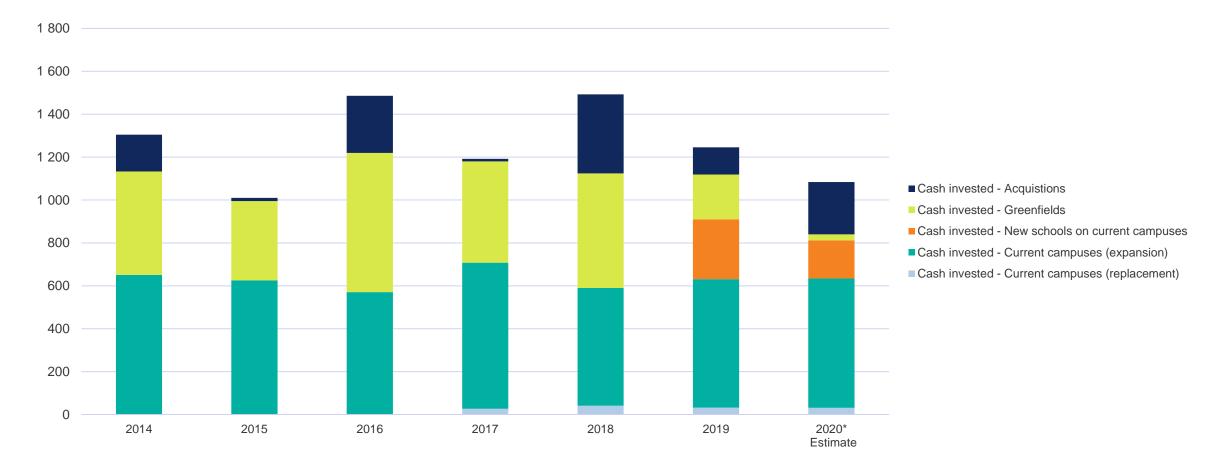




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# CAPITAL INVESTMENT – FULL YEAR 2020

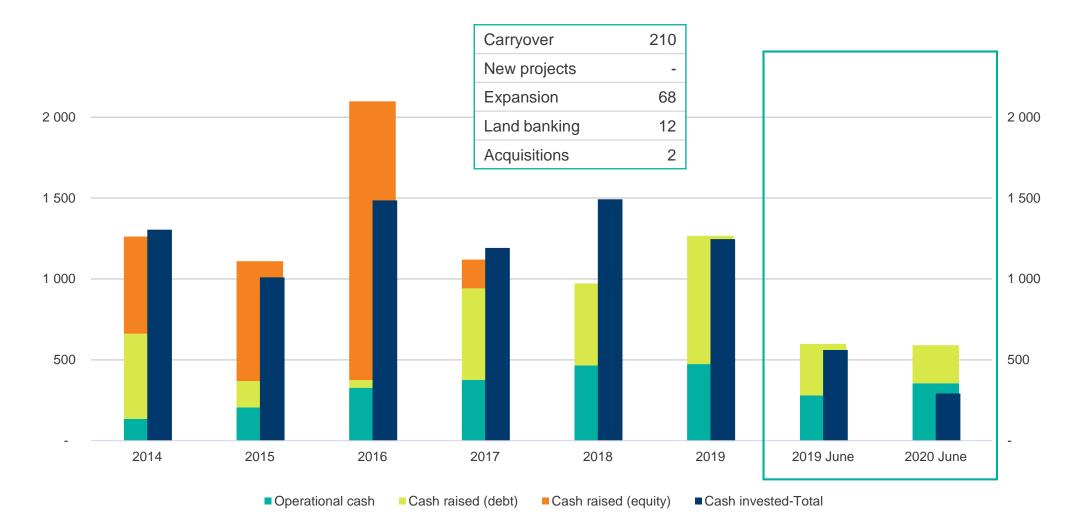


- Replacement capital
- Capital previously reported +/- R850m.
- Increase due to possible acquisitions.

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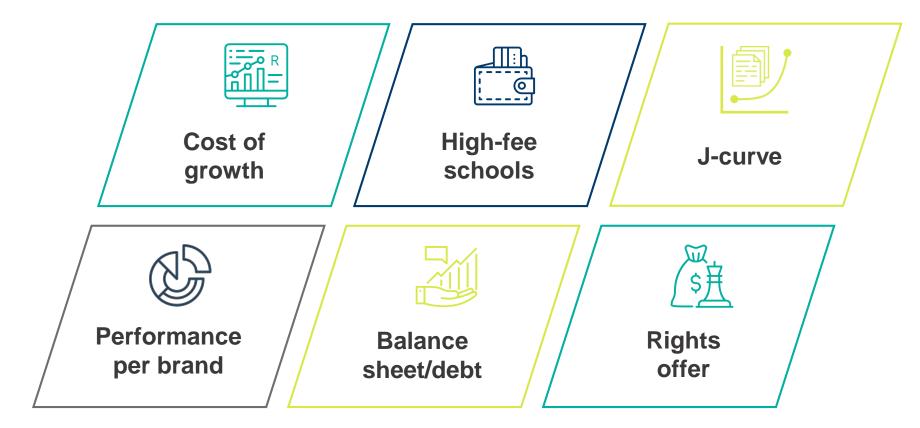




# **Business overview**



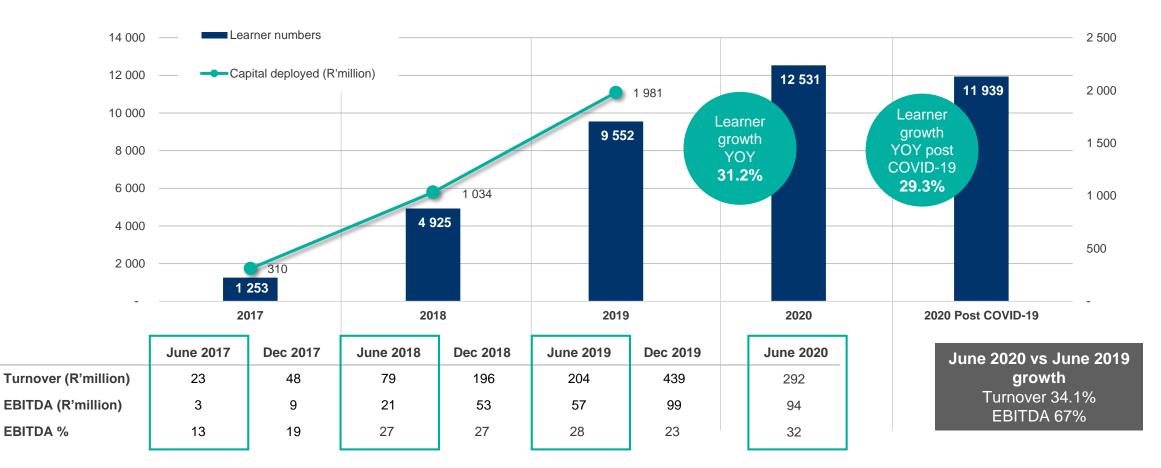
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# COST OF GROWTH (2017 – 2019 SCHOOLS)

(Excludes 2020 greenfields and acquisitions)



Number of campuses Number of schools **+22** (2016: 48) **+52** (2016: 114)

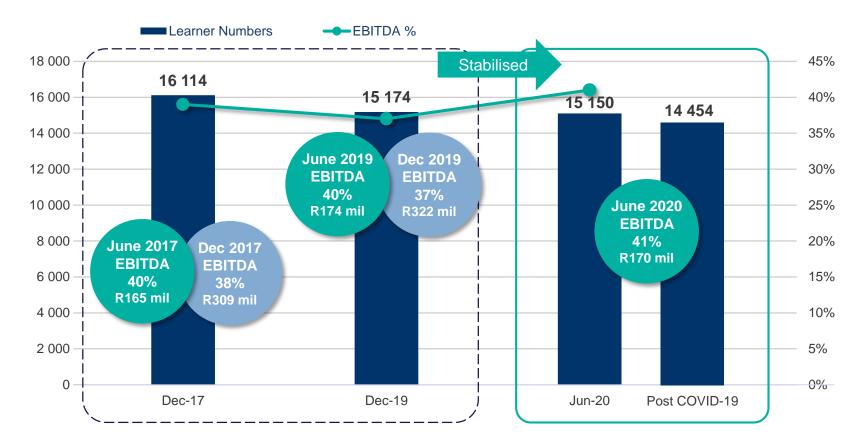
**Note**: Financed with debt – thus the growth in long-term debt for the last three years No material spend in 2020

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# PRESSURES ON CERTAIN HIGHER-FEE CAMPUSES



#### Lower than expected growth due to:

- Economic pressure
- Emigration
- Competition entered into school feeder areas

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## culture offering

Business overview

Realignment of roles and responsibilities

Restructuring of fees

Number of campuses = 9

Stabilised due to:

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• Improved efficiencies throughout

Enhanced academic, sport and

Schools are set for growth



# J-CURVE – June 2020

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	Campuses	Schools	Lear	ner num	bers	Growth		Growth (R m			School's EBITDA (R million) Growth		EBITDA margin		Built capacity utilised			Eventual capacity utilised			ty Yield			
	2020	2020	2018	2019	2020	18/19	19/20	2018	201 <b>9</b>	2020	18/19	19/20	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
Developed	52	121	31 872	35 747	37 710	12%	5%	248	296	343	19%	16%	33%	34%	35%	63%	65%	63%	47%	46%	45%	7%	7%	8%
2009 and before	4	9	3 872	4 130	4 010	7%	(3%)	37	42	50	15%	19%	34%	35%	40%	82%	85%	82%	71%	73%	71%	14%	12%	14%
2010	2	6	2 205	2 215	2 193	-	(1%)	20	25	27	23%	8%	35%	41%	41%	75%	75%	74%	55%	55%	55%	9%	10%	11%
2011	5	15	4 177	4 429	4 147	6%	(6%)	34	37	46	9%	24%	32%	32%	38%	59%	63%	59%	50%	53%	50%	7%	7%	9%
2012	2	6	1 978	1 891	1 918	(4%)	1%	17	15	17	(11%)	13%	33%	29%	31%	75%	72%	73%	59%	56%	57%	10%	7%	8%
2013	4	12	6 445	6 357	6 186	(1%)	(3%)	70	70	82	(1%)	17%	45%	42%	48%	74%	73%	71%	64%	64%	65%	14%	13%	16%
2014	4	9	2 169	2 343	2 246	8%	(4%)	9	11	13	30%	18%	20%	23%	25%	56%	56%	52%	44%	47%	46%	3%	3%	4%
2015	8	19	6 216	6 494	6 568	4%	1%	26	39	38	50%	(3%)	24%	31%	29%	63%	65%	66%	47%	49%	50%	4%	5%	6%
2016	4	8	1 681	1 905	1 510	13%	(21%)	20	26	19	30%	(27%)	39%	41%	30%	45%	49%	39%	32%	36%	29%	4%	7%	4%
2017	3	8	2 499	3 143	3 594	26%	14%	21	29	38	40%	31%	41%	41%	44%	72%	91%	78%	40%	51%	58%	9%	10%	12%
2018	4	8	630	1 107	1 303	76%	18%	(5)	4	-	n/a	(100%)	(40%)	17%	2%	19%	33%	39%	10%	17%	20%	(4%)	1%	(2%)
2019	7	13	-	1 733	3 345	-	93%	(1)	(1)	19	-	n/a	_	(4%)	31%	-	43%	74%	-	17%	32%	-	(5%)	4%
2020	5	8		-	690	-	-	-	-	(6)	-	-	_	-	(84%)	_	-	16%	_	-	7%	_	-	(8%)
Acquired schools	24	56	18 819	21 426	22 257	14%	4%	167	196	216	17%	10%	34%	33%	35%	83%	80%	76%	<b>69%</b>	66%	67%	1 <b>0</b> %	10%	9%
2012 and before	7	17	7 007	7 261	7 411	4%	2%	80	82	78	1%	(5%)	38%	38%	37%	76%	79%	76%	61%	64%	65%	12%	10%	8%
2013	2	2	3 855	3 684	3 729	(4%)	1%	17	17	20	(1%)	18%	25%	26%	32%	78%	74%	75%	78%	74%	75%	7%	7%	9%
2014	2	6	2 742	2 763	2 555	1%	(8%)	40	41	35	1%	(15%)	41%	39%	38%	96%	85%	79%	80%	80%	74%	13%	13%	11%
2015 and 2016	5	14	4 147	4 468	5 113	8%	14%	25	32	46	27%	44%	24%	27%	36%	100%	99%	80%	74%	71%	67%	7%	7%	9%
2018	3	6	1 068	1 881	1 918	76%	2%	5	20	27	304%	35%	29%	38%	43%	70%	82%	81%	52%	56%	64%	9%	10%	9%
2019	4	8	-	1 369	1 156	-	(16%)	-	4	9	-	125%	-	11%	19%	-	52%	67%	-	44%	59%	-	7%	11%
2020	1	3	_	-	375	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	_	-	12%	-	-	55%	-	-	39%	-	-	—
Non-recurring costs								-	-	(10)														
Property rental, royalties and other								(6)	(1)	(3)														
Total	76	177	50 691	57 173	59 967	13%	5%	409	491	546	20%	11%	33%	33%	34%	69%	70%	67%	54%	52%	51%	8%	8%	8%

EBITDAR decreased from 2019: bad debt provision, rates and taxes, fee decreases (two schools), pre-school decreases.

	2020		2018			2019			2020			
AXX	Campuses	Learner numbers	EBITDAR	EBITDAR Margin	Learner numbers	EBITDAR	EBITDAR Margin	Learner numbers	EBITDAR	EBITDAR Margin	'19-'20 Learner growth	'19-'20 EBITDA growth
Curro and Select	45	34 361	355	36%	38 225	404	35%	37 973	452	38%	(0%)	12%
Developed	27	21 838	211	36%	23 248	237	36%	22 591	273	39%	(3%)	15%
Acquired	18	12 523	143	37%	14 977	167	35%	15 382	179	36%	3%	7%
Curro Academy	13	5 834	25	26%	8 255	45	30%	10 510	63	32%	27%	41%
Curro Castle	7	1 161	4	15%	1 454	7	21%	1 001	9	26%	(27%)	21%
Meridian	7	9 335	32	23%	9 189	38	26%	9 529	40	26%	3%	4%
Other school models	5	-	(0)		69	(2)		954	(6)			
	77	50 691	415	34%	57 192	492	33%	59 967	558	35%	5%	13%
Other			(6)		-	(1)		-	(13)			
			409			491			546			

## #Learners2Leaders

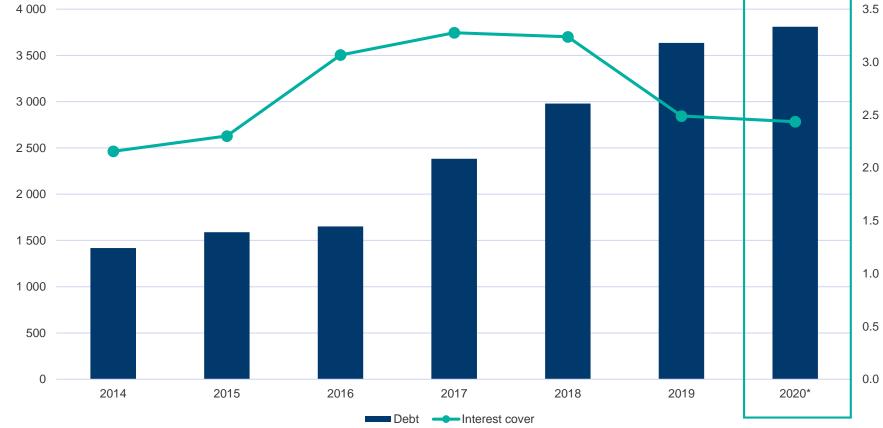
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\*2020 rolling 12 months





Business overview

- Interest cover = EBITDA/Interest
- Covenant is 1.75x (ave debt could have been R1.5bn higher before reaching covenant levels)
- EBITDA = cashflow as no cash tax expense (5% wear and tear allowance)
- Capital investment will slow
  down
- Rights issue will reduce debt by +- R1bn



# DEBT AND INTEREST COVER



## Partially underwritten non-renounceable rights offer

- PSG (current shareholding 55.4%) irrevocable and underwriting 75% (R1.15 billion)
- Price R8.07 (30 day VWAP on day of approval by the board 9 June 2020)

## Reasons

- Potential opportunities
- COVID-19 uncertainty (effect on 2021 learner intake numbers as well as bad debts risk for 2020) – reduce gearing levels

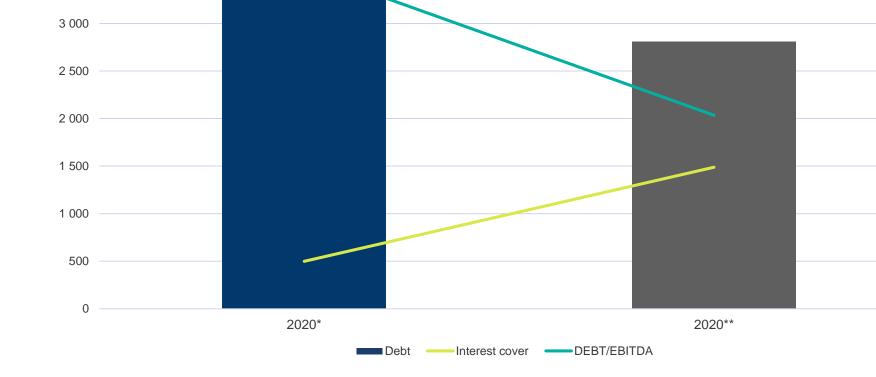
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## Key dates

- Last day to trade in order to participate 25 August 2020
- Closing date for rights offer 4 September 2020







\*2020 rolling 12 months

\*\*Adjusted by R1bn for assumed debt decrease as a result of rights issue

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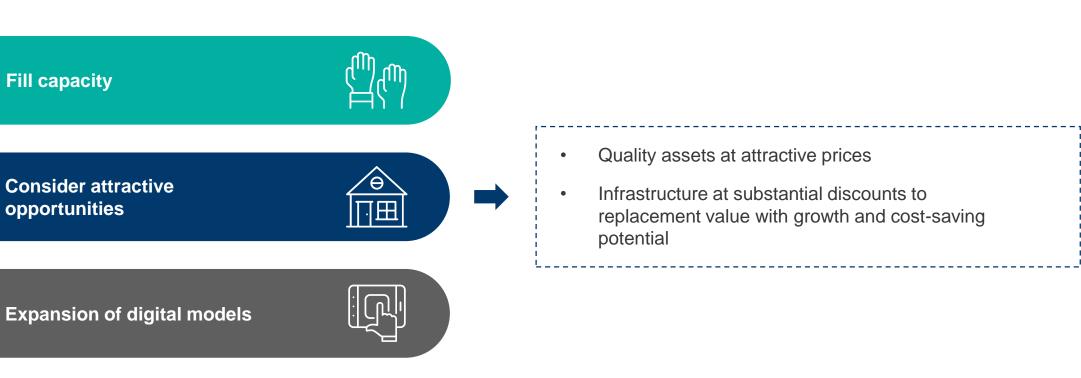
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reorganisation where required

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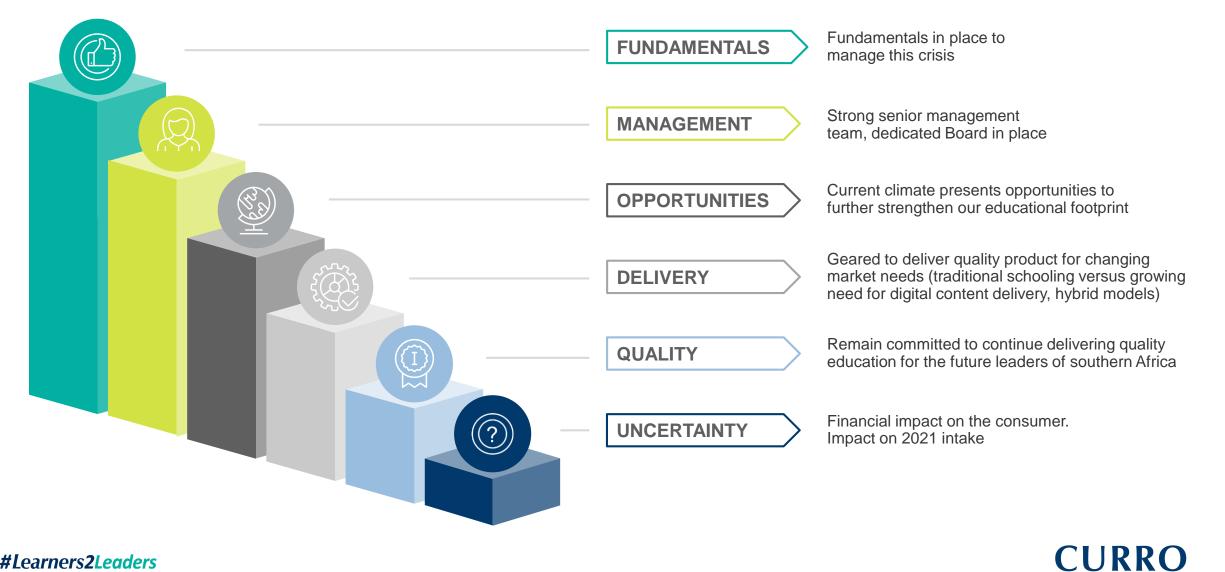
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