



MICHAELIS PRIVATE SCHOOL

"Moving Forward Courageously" with a proud German Heritage

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SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

Michaelis Private School is a co-educational Christian school, providing pre-primary and primary education through the mediums of English, with German and Afrikaans as additional language.

Michaelis Private School is a small school creating a climate, conducive to learning and the holistic development of each learner. Active communication and collaboration between the parents and the school is maintained at all times.

The Babykiste caters for children that are 1-year-old that are turning 2. Each child receives personalised attention and care.

The Kinderkiste caters for children between the ages of 2 and 4 years old. Each child receives personalised attention and care.

The Kindergarten caters for the Grade RRR, Grade RR and Grade R classes. We have one qualified pre-school teacher and an assistant teacher for each group. The number of children may not exceed 22 children per age group. Children can play in a large enclosed and well-equipped playground. Each child is encouraged to develop as an individual according to his or her own personality and capability. Activities include fine and gross motor exercises, singing, drawing, painting, craft making, and the Grade R children attend swimming and hockey in season.

Academics:

The pursuit of academic excellence and the development of life-skills is an essential component of the school. Michaelis Private School maintains very effective teacher pupil ratios enabling us to offer individual attention and instil a positive work ethic in the pupils. All teachers are registered with SACE (South African Council of Educators). Annual excursions are arranged to complement the curriculum. The subjects offered are in line with the CAPS Curriculum. The medium of teaching for all subjects is in English with Afrikaans and German as additional languages. At Michaelis Private School the latest technology is used in the classroom, each teacher has a laptop with access to high speed internet and each classroom makes use of an interactive whiteboard.

The School is a registered IEB school, a member of ISASA, UMALUSI accredited and is part of the Primary Schools Initiative, The Primary School Initiative aims to broaden the awareness of the importance of good teaching and assessment practices at the primary school level.

It wishes to establish a strong collaborative network of primary school educators who are fully conversant with local and global trends, developments and standards and assist primary school teachers in embedding these in their daily classroom interactions with learners.

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Sports:

Sport is an essential element in the development of a child and each pupil is expected to participate regardless of experience or ability. Athletics, swimming, hockey, tennis, bulletjie rugby, mini-cricket and cricket are offered at the school and matches are played on a regular basis. Private swimming lessons are recommended for all learners.

Extra Mural Activities:

Annual excursions are arranged to compliment the Curriculum. These excursions include trips to Ithala, Historical sites and Battlegrounds. Grades 5 – 7 go on an Educational Tour for one week annually. This alternates between the sea, the berg or the bush.

Music and culture:

Music is an important part of our school and culture. From Grade 3 each pupil learns to play the recorder and read music. The school also has a junior and senior choir. Each year Michaelis Private School stages a play in either English or German and all children participate in this cultural activity.

Computers:

At Michaelis Private School, all pupils have the opportunity to broaden their horizons in the Computer Laboratory. Computers are taught from Grade R (pre-school) up to Grade 7. Computers 4 Kids is the curriculum followed by the school and is endorsed by the ICDL. (International Computer Drivers Licence) In Grade 4 the first ICDL exam is written, which entitles the learner to a silver certificate and in Grade 7 the 2nd ICDL exam is written which entitles the learner to a gold certificate. Learners and Teachers are encouraged to use the Computer Laboratory for research and are often found during breaks doing just that!

Currently the following four applications are being used:



Cami: is used by the Maths Teachers to test and exercise children's' mathematical skills. The Cami evaluation forms part of the term assessment.



Readers are Leaders: This programme concentrates on reading, vocabulary and comprehension. Learners have the opportunity to test their reading skills in both Afrikaans and English.



Computer4Kids: This hands-on-programme teaches children basic computer skills. It focuses on typing, the basic Microsoft Applications such as Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access. This innovative programme was designed by experienced teachers and besides being educational is also fun and

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creative.



Rosetta Stone: A German language program that functions as a language laboratory. It teaches correct pronunciation and vocabulary.

Parent involvement:

Michaelis Private School is a N.P.O (non-profit organisation) and has always encouraged parent involvement and values the link between the family and the school. The Governing Body is made up of parents, thereby enabling the parent body to play a pro-active role in the management of the school. Parent participation in major school events is voluntary, and income generated from these events assists towards improvements at the school, thus benefitting all families in the school. Parents that participate in the major events (Michaelis Challenge cycle/run/walk race and Oktoberfest German Beer fest) will receive an incentive credit on their school fees at the end of each year. The class reps (School Mother's Committee) assists in the smaller events at the school including the Osterverkauf / Easter Sale.

Conclusion:

In the 52 years of its existence, Michaelis Private School has played a vital role in the community of Vryheid, and neighboring towns. It is our policy to offer our children the best possible education within the financial constraints of a school of this size, while still promoting the values and aims of those who founded the school over half a century ago. We believe in holistic education and strive to work together with the parents in upholding the Christian Faith and developing confident, well-rounded individuals.

For further information:

- See our website: www.michaelisprivateschool.co.za
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- Via the Office arrange an appointment with the Principal, **Marion Gaskell**.

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