

A Community of Schools Developing Global Achievers



**Kyalami**  
Preparatory and  
Nursery School

A division of Kyalami Schools (NPC)

prospectus



## Kyalami Schools Group

The Kyalami Schools Group consists of three high-performing independent (private) schools, namely, Beaulieu Preparatory, Kyalami Preparatory and Beaulieu College

# vision

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Our schools will strive to achieve the vision by:

- Striving to maximise each child's potential
- Making our subject matter relevant to the real world
- Adopting and encouraging a holistic approach to the development of each child
  - Fostering creative and critical thinking skills
  - Creating global awareness

# values

I  
Integrity

C  
Consistency

A  
Accountability

R  
Respect

E  
Excellence



ACADEMICS



CRICKET | SOCCER



NETBALL | SOFTBALL



SWIMMING | TENNIS





# About us

Kyalami Preparatory School was established in 1998 as an English medium school for boys and girls and offers tuition from Grade 0000 to 7. We have a nurturing, supportive environment with teachers and parents committed to working together to stimulate academic, cultural, spiritual and sporting excellence. Kyalami Preparatory School embraces the ethnic, cultural and social diversity of our community. We are proud of our committed and experienced teaching staff and our involved school community.

Today, this vibrant school ranks amongst the finest independent schools in South Africa. Its enrolment of about 403 boys and girls is spread over a Nursery School and Preparatory School which feed into Beaulieu College.

True to the Kyalami Preparatory School's motto of 'Spread your Wings', we encourage our pupils to reach their full potential in every aspect of school life and in what we believe is a relevant education programme in global terms. Intellectual curiosity is encouraged in all learning areas and our pupils are taught to think for themselves. It is our aim to ensure that our pupils have a positive work ethic and skills that will equip them for life in an ever-changing world. It is our aim to develop young people who are confident, independent and responsible. We work to encourage a curiosity in our pupils for the world around them and a passion for life-long learning.



ATHLETICS | HOCKEY



CHESS | PUBLIC SPEAKING



EQUESTRIAN



MUSIC | DRAMA





# Academic Overview

## The Junior Preparatory Overview (Grade 1 - 3)

Our dynamic young children enter the world of 'Big School' with some sense of excitement and apprehension. We have the opportunity to create well-rounded, resilient and independent young people who are able to apply their skills to a world that is forever changing. Our teachers aim to encourage and instil:

### Independence

to encourage routines and carry out age-appropriate chores at home and school.

### Responsibility

to encourage punctuality, care for one's belongings, accept the consequences for misdemeanours and foster intrinsic motivation to succeed.

### Problem-solving abilities

to learn to 'make a plan' in all areas of life.

### Relationships/empathy

to learn to listen to others, co-operate in teamwork activities, listen to and respect others' feelings and opinions.

### A positive EQ

to feel confident, have realistic expectations and learn from mistakes.



Our academic programmes foster and develop auditory and visual perceptual skills, as well as gross and fine motor skills within our children. We believe that once we have set these solid foundations, our little ones will be equipped with the necessary skills to develop sound Literacy skills (communicate, read, write and comprehend) and mathematical abilities (understand number patterns and concepts, problem-solve and aim for accuracy).

These, in turn, will provide them with the adeptness they require to make sense of their learning, apply their knowledge and have an informed opinion on topics of interest in the Senior Preparatory Phase.

Our Junior Preparatory Programme also includes a variety of other subjects, besides their core subjects (English, Mathematics and Life Orientation). We expose our pupils to three additional languages, viz. Afrikaans, isiZulu and Sesotho. Sesotho has recently been included which is currently offered up to Grade Two. Children are required to make a choice between these three languages at the start of their Grade Five year. Other subjects on offer include Art, Computational Thinking, Educational Technology, Music and Physical Education. Computational Thinking, our most recently added subject, aims to expose our children to new skills such as decomposition, pattern recognition, abstraction and the use of algorithms, amongst others. These skills are taught as fun activities at an age-appropriate level. The positive aspect of this subject is applicable across the curriculum and allows children to strengthen their lateral thinking skills.

We are aware that not all children develop and learn at the same pace. We thus encourage each child to learn in a way that best suits them, whether it be using flexible seating in the classroom, additional visual and auditory cues in the classroom or with the help of internal or external support structures to facilitate and support areas of difficulty.

In 2022 we introduced a Junior Preparatory, Academic Support Programme to assist and support our children whose fundamental skills were affected by circumstances during the Covid years. This programme allows additional reinforcement of class concepts to children who would benefit from the support of small group teaching. In collaboration with teachers, targeted areas are addressed and the childrens' most immediate needs are weekly.

At Kyalami Preparatory School we endeavour to create an environment for our children where they can learn through play and practical experiences without fear, and be encouraged to discover and collaborate with friends.



## The Senior Preparatory Overview (Grade 4 - 7)

In the Senior Preparatory Phase, we offer a dynamic academic programme under the framework of the CAPS Curriculum. We do, however, have the flexibility within our programme to develop creative and critical thinking skills, as we believe these to be key to our pupils' development. As our pupils enter this Phase in Grade Four they encounter a more formalised educational environment; although they are taught by their homeroom teachers in a number of learning areas, they are taught other key subjects by specialist teachers (e.g. Afrikaans and isiZulu).

In Grades Five to Seven we are in the privileged position of splitting our two homeroom classes into three streams for English and Mathematics, thus allowing more contact time between the teachers and pupils and more individualised attention in these core areas. In these Grades our pupils are fortunate to be taught by a number of subject specialists.

Our programme includes a variety of subjects: we expose our pupils to two additional languages, viz. Afrikaans and isiZulu. (We have recently included Sesotho which is currently offered in the Junior Preparatory Phase up to Grade Two). Children are required to make a choice between these additional languages at the start of their Grade Five year. This is in order to increase their contact time in their chosen language in preparation for the first additional language demands in High School. Other subjects on offer include Mathematics, Natural Sciences (Physical Science and Biology), Social Sciences (History and Geography), Life Skills (Life Orientation in Grade Seven), Entrepreneurial Skills Development (Grade Seven), Physical Education, and Ed Tech. We recently introduced Computational Thinking as a formal subject complementing our vision of producing Global Thinkers. Our Arts and Culture learning programme is used to develop our pupils' inner, creative selves through Visual Arts and Music. Pupils are exposed to various genres in both of these programmes (they may attend private lessons in a variety of instruments in the afternoons).

We extend the classroom beyond the walls of our property and our pupils are taken on excursions, theatre visits, and tours. Where possible, we invite guest speakers into our lessons.

Kyalami Preparatory recognises the need for our pupils to develop computer skills and these are taught during Ed Tech lessons and integrated across all of the subjects on offer; thus keeping up with the latest trends in education. Age-appropriate digital exposure to computers and Chromebooks is used to enhance learning in relevant class-based activities.

We have a bank of Chromebooks which are used by the Junior Preparatory phase pupils and Grade Fours, whilst our Grade Five, Six and Seven pupils have their own devices, these are used in all lessons. The value of technology can never be underestimated as it enhances our teaching methods to ensure we reach the "screen generation". In recent times, greater emphasis has been placed on robotics and coding. Aside from developing crucial problem-solving skills, robotics stimulates creativity and a curious mind. A robotics club has been introduced to the extra-curricular afternoon programme to extend the childrens' interest in this field and Esports has been introduced to our Senior children.

We encourage our pupils to develop creative and critical thinking, problem-solving, research and study skills. To this end, we have embraced the Thinking Schools approach. We have elected to adopt the TASC method and apply this across all phases of our school. We incorporate Inquiry-Based Learning in our lessons where the focus is developing 21st Century Skills; our children produce amazing work during these lessons and we view this as an invaluable thinking, learning and growing experience.

We believe in developing a Growth Mindset in our pupils, encouraging our children to learn from mistakes, "make a plan" and become accountable for their actions. Grit and resilience are important life skills that we, as a team, focus on developing in our pupils. We incorporate the sixteen Habits of Mind into the language of our school, ensuring that children develop habits which lead to their success both in school and the world around them.

We strive to achieve academic excellence and monitor our progress by writing National and International Benchmarking Assessments. We also have a special needs centre, and children who require additional support either academically or emotionally are catered for.

Our teachers take great interest in each child and build important relationships with their pupils - our small classes ensure that children receive personal attention. Staff regularly attend conferences, workshops, and courses in order to keep up with the latest educational developments.

The well-being of our children is paramount to us and we have an excellent pastoral care department that walks with children should the need arise. We are a happy school, committed to positive, educational experiences in the interest of productive, academic rigour. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.





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# Media Centre

In an age defined by connectivity and global collaboration, Kyalami Preparatory School's Media Centre is a hub of self-directed learning and information. In this space, pupils are free to learn more about topics of personal interest; to enjoy indoor games such as chess, board games and puzzle-making; or to simply curl up in a quiet corner with a good book - analogue or digital.

The Media Centre facilitates collaboration between pupils, staff, parents and the wider school community through the provision of imaginative, flexible spaces, both physical and virtual. STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematics)-centred lessons, film and digital media studies, literature, general knowledge and creative activities form some of the offerings in this knowledge commons.

A Media Centre team consisting of a Media Specialist, and a Media Centre assistant, empowers pupils as learners. Support for inquiry-based learning is provided through a sequential development of skills to enable pupils to successfully engage in a digital information environment.

Kyalami Preparatory School inspires a love for literature and learning through a rich and diverse collection of media. A strong reading culture in the school is fostered through regular reading experiences in the Media Centre and other literary events.



# Sport Overview

Kyalami Preparatory School competes and participates within a variety of sporting codes and leagues throughout the year. The Grade 3 to 7 children participate in formalised sporting events while the Grade 1 and 2 children take part in mini-leagues and internal games. The sport that is on offer is generally seasonal. In Summer they may partake in swimming, cricket, softball and athletics while in winter they may engage in netball, soccer, cross-country and hockey. Tennis, chess and equestrian are on offer all year round.

Our aim is to involve as many children as possible in the Sports Programme. Besides the necessity to promote a healthy lifestyle, the children are encouraged to excel in A-team fixtures, improve on their personal best scores and develop good sportsmanship and camaraderie.



# Cultural Overview

Many schools offer Music, Drama, and Art but what makes us different and sets us apart is that these activities are not exclusive but forms part of our Academic and Co-Curricular Programme. It's those little extras that make Kyalami Preparatory special. We provide a learning environment in which not only the talented pupil can excel, but every child is encouraged to participate. Our Co-Curricular Programme develops the whole person and assists in producing confident, balanced young people. Our children are given a sense of belonging, self- respect and dignity.

The Arts and Culture learning area is designed to provide a catalyst for the love of music, and includes movement, dance, singing, drama and interpretation, performance tasks and visual art, in full accordance with the revised National Curriculum Statement of 2005. The emphasis is on fun and creative expression, but also on developing hand/eye coordination and addressing any other problems using music therapy techniques, especially in the younger grades. Music, drama, and art are never seen as separate entities but are always placed in context within today's society.

Individual lessons are available in several different instruments including piano, drumming, classical guitar and electric guitar, violin and voice. Our Marimba band also forms part of our Co-Curricular Programme and is a huge attraction for our pupils.

We have a school band where pupils can exercise their new found talents.

Kyalami Preparatory has two choirs. A Junior and Senior Choir which, at every opportunity, perform whether it's Prize Giving, Assembly or at any other special function. Both choirs participate in inter-school showcase events annually. Music, Drama, and Art are intrinsic to life.

Arts and Culture is a vibrant learning area that has something for everyone!









# Kyalami Preparatory Nursery School

Grade 0000 - Grade 0

At Kyalami Prep Nursery School (KPNS), we understand the essence of a child's future success. It is always firmly rooted in the fertile soil of educational excellence that is carefully established and nurtured in the vital formative years of a child's life.

This is where life at school begins, the growth path where children are encouraged and stimulated to explore, investigate, discover and gather the tools they need to excel in education and life. It is in this world of wonder that our children find the path towards becoming free-thinking individuals. People call it "playtime", but to our children, and to us, it is more important and significant than that.

In addition to constructive play, our children also enjoy the following lessons during their school day: Music, Library, Djembe Drumming and Playball. Specific to Grade 0, lessons also include Computers (robotics and coding), Physical Education (this includes swimming), First Additional languages (isiZulu, Sesotho and Afrikaans) and a Learner Support programme. Our Perceptual Programme is run with all of our little ones and focuses on developing auditory and visual perceptual skills, laying foundations for learning in the higher grades.

Within the framework of our values, our children start their development and exploration of their educational world. Preschool is an exciting time, full of opportunities to establish the building blocks for classroom success. Kyalami Prep Nursery School, for 2 - 6 year-olds, establishes confidence, self-respect and the ability for children to take their place as responsible global citizens.









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[www.kyalamischools.org](http://www.kyalamischools.org)

Admissions:  
Tel: 010 591 5004

## General admission information

Kyalami Schools (NPC) has one central admissions office that assists Beaulieu Preparatory School, Kyalami Preparatory School and Beaulieu College with the admissions processes. The application form may be downloaded from the website:

<http://www.kyalamischools.org/admissions/general-admission-info>

and submitted electronically with proof of payment of the non-refundable application fee of R500 to: [admissions@kyalamischools.org](mailto:admissions@kyalamischools.org)

Application forms may also be faxed to 086 6066 390

When submitting an application form, the form must be signed by both parents, unless one parent is solely responsible for all education aspects. Please include the following when submitting an application for enrolment form:

- a copy of your child's birth certificate,
- proof of residence e.g. rates or levies statement from the municipality or body corporate
- a copy of your child's most recent school report (Gr 1 - 11)

To view our schools' facilities, parents may contact the relevant school office to book a tour. For information on the admissions processes please contact 010 591 5004.



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