



## *W*elcome to *C*apriccio! *A*rts *P*owered *P*reparatory *i*n 2019

Thank you for your interest in our education facility – a creative, inspiring, family-like learning environment designed with the cognitive, emotional, physical, social, and artistic development of young boys and girls in mind.

### **ABOUT CAPRICCIO! ARTS POWERED PREPARATORY**

Capriccio! Arts Powered Preparatory is an arts-powered, Montessori inspired learning environment utilising Impaq Education resources, offering learners a holistic and creative educational experience. Our innovative approach to primary education is specifically designed to provide learners with an enriched curriculum, incorporating elements of Montessori, Waldorf, and Reggio Emilio into the CAPS curriculum (the official national curriculum prescribed by the Department of Basic Education, which oversees primary and secondary education in South Africa), against the backdrop of our Christian ethos.

The Capriccio! Arts Powered Preparatory concept developed out of the many requests expressed by parents of learners at our established Capriccio! Arts Powered Pre-school for the extension of our unique, arts powered curriculum into primary school education. In 2019, we are accommodating our first, small group of Grade 1 learners and will gradually be phasing in a grade per year, until we're able to offer primary education up to Grade 7. Though we have acquired the property adjacent to the pre-school for purposes of eventually establishing our primary school campus there, for the first year or two, our Foundation Phase will be sharing premises with Capriccio! Arts Powered Pre-school, which enables our Preparatory to utilize educational facilities such as a performing arts studio, outdoor and semi-outdoor education areas, in addition to our classrooms.

### **OUR PHILOSOPHY**

“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere.” - Albert Einstein

At *Capriccio! Arts Powered Preparatory*, we believe that education should be experienced as an enjoyable adventure - It should provide children with a safe space in which to truly explore their creative potential in its widest sense. In the process, their curiosity should awaken naturally, gently propelling them forward to want to know more, instilling in them a life-long love of learning.

With many well-researched models of education available, we believe that it makes sense to integrate different elements that best serve our children's educational interests in modern times.

True to our arts-powered roots, we are passionate about the *power of art education* in all its forms, namely music, dance, drama, and visual art.

- 🌐 We believe in art as a powerful means of learning, a premise we like to describe as *arts-driven learning*. The various forms of art have an infinite capacity to affect brain and body and act as a unifying force, a vehicle by which important cognitive, physical, emotional, and social skills can be developed and integrated in young children.
- 🌐 We believe that children possess an innate property for appreciation and enjoyment of the arts - a deep desire to express themselves through art, which need to be fulfilled in order for them to progress, self-actualize and foster healthy self-esteem.
- 🌐 We believe that arts education is essential and profound to developing well-balanced and healthy communities.
- 🌐 We offer a warm and inviting, family-like learning environment, in keeping with Maria Montessori's "Casa dei Bambini" concept.

## OUR CURRICULUM

Our academic offering draws inspiration from and integrates elements of well-proven educational models such as Montessori, Waldorf and Reggio Emilio, with more traditional mainstream methods, resulting in our unique, creativity-infused learning experience.

To ensure that our learners stay on track with the South African schooling system and remain well on their way to obtaining the National Senior Certificate (NSC) in Grade 12, we follow CAPS as our core curriculum. Our core curriculum materials and resources are provided by Impaq Education and we facilitate Impaq's CAPS aligned assessments. No additional assessments are conducted, nor do we expose learners at this tender age to the pressure of unnecessary tests and homework, as we believe that primary school children benefit greatly from having time to play and socialise with family and friends.

- **Emphasis are placed on the following skills which is in keeping with current global educational trends:**

### → CRITICAL THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

We teach our learners to ask questions and think for themselves.

### → COLLABORATION AND LEADING BY INFLUENCE

We endeavour instilling in each child the value of being a good team player, to know their own strengths and talents - this enhances the learning environment and encourage co-operative and independent learning.

### → INITIATIVE AND ENTREPRENEURIALISM

Children are inspired to become creators and change-makers. We provide them with the tools necessary to utilise their individual abilities and to eventually use them to meet economic opportunities.

## → GOOD ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

We provide our children with a platform to convey their ideas and emotions clearly and concisely - encouraging global awareness, and confidence for public speaking.

## Core curriculum (CAPS):

- *Language*: development of reading, writing, comprehension and oral communication skills
- *Mathematics*: development of numeracy skills
- *Life Skills*: in accordance with CAPS, the intellectual, emotional, physical and social development of our learners are nurtured through our own specialised curriculum modules, with pertinent focus on instilling values and building emotional intelligence and resilience in our learners.

Along with CAPS Language, Mathematics and Life Skills, the *Montessori* starting point for all courses of the Cultural Curriculum will be followed, which involves the *Five Great Lessons* as a framework. The curriculum seeks to develop in the child a sense of the connectedness of things, to understand that:

- We all share the sacredness of life
- We all belong to groups and institutions
- We all place ourselves in time and space
- We are an inseparable part of nature
- We are all engaged in producing and consuming
- We all seek to live with purpose

These lessons are encompassed by the following modules; Astronomy, Formation of the Earth, Physics, Chemistry and Early Man.

Our *Christian ethos* provides a consistent foundation upon which is built to instil family values - Practical lessons from the Bible form part of equipping our learners for a meaningful life.

*Technology* is integrated throughout - our learners are introduced to using an iPad, notebook computer and the internet under supervision of their tutor.

Promoting *health and fitness* as a life-long priority to our learners, is a further important aspect addressed in our approach. We encourage the development of sport skills and fitness through our physical education programme.

## Creative Development:

Providing our learners with an effective outlet to express themselves in an enjoyable way through the visual and performing arts (music, dance & drama), helps them to explore their creative potential and nurture their creativity. This is a top priority for us, as arts-driven learning develops in them a variety of invaluable skills for life, enhancing and integrating their cognitive, physical, emotional and social growth.

*"I believe that creativity will be the currency of the 21st century." - Gerald Gordon, Ph.D., President/CEO, Fairfax County (Virginia) Economic Development Authority*

## DAILY SCHEDULE

- Arrival time: 7.45, to commence at 8am.
- Afternoon collection time: 2.15.
- Afternoon care is available (additional cost applies) until 5pm (collection by 4.50pm).

## EXTRAMURAL LESSONS

We offer an extensive variety of optional extra-mural lessons at our facility in the afternoons, including art, piano, vocals, recorder, hip hop, ballet, contemporary and Flexinastix (pre-gymnastics), presented by our performance arts tutor.

## CALENDAR

Our annual calendar is aligned with four academic terms as advised towards the end of the previous year. Our facility (including aftercare & extra-mural lessons) is closed during holiday periods and on public holidays. We close earlier on the last day of term (no aftercare).

## SNACKS & LUNCH

In 2019, our grade 1 learners will be provided with a healthy mid-morning snack, as well as a light lunch at school. Should they be attending afternoon care, they need to provide their own healthy afternoon snacks in a clearly labelled lunch box. Please note that from 2020, all Foundation Phase learners to please bring their own snacks and lunch.

## PARENT COMMUNICATION & FEEDBACK REPORTS

We place a high premium on synergy between the learning and home environment as conducive to the well-being of each of our learners.

We communicate with parents via email, WhatsApp/SMS from time to time and encourage all to stay in tune with the latest news and activities via social media:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/caprischools/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/19003591/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ArtsPowered>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/caprischools/>

We also provide a parent newsletter and facilitate progress reports provided by Impaq Education.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- *Once-off, non-refundable registration fee:* R4,000 (learners who completed their Grade R year at Capriccio! Arts Powered Pre-school are eligible for a discounted registration fee of R1,000 if registered before early registration ends).
- *2019 Fees:* billed annually based on four academic terms; subject to annual escalation, as advised at the end of each academic year for the following year.  
*2019 fees:* R42,000 per annum payable monthly in advance in 12 instalments of R3,500 each (January to December), kindly due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month.
- *2019 Afternoon care fees - (optional):*
  - a. 5-days per week option: R16,800 per annum payable monthly in advance in 12 monthly instalments of R1,400 each (January to December), kindly due on the first day of each month.
  - b. 3-days per week option: R14,400 per annum payable monthly in advance in 12 monthly instalments of R1,200 each (January to December), kindly due on the first day of each month.
- *Annual educational supplies fee:*  
In 2020, R1,950 payable at the end of November of 2019, covering stationery, art materials, ingredients toward specific projects, academy shirt for special events, nature study books, etc (excludes some hygiene items to be brought from home; details to be advised).
- *Annual Impaq Education registration fee:*  
Covers core curriculum resources and services provided to learner parents by Impaq Education (see information below).

Should a registered learner be absent from attending for any period of time, all fees due for that period will continue to be payable.

Please note that in the case of a learner's discontinued attendance at Capriccio! Arts Powered Preparatory, advance written notice of one academic quarter (3 months) is required.

## THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Capriccio! Arts Powered Preparatory is an education facility officially registered as an education centre with Impaq Education, currently in the process of registration with the WCED as a primary school. Parents register their children at Capriccio! Arts Powered Preparatory by completing the attached registration form. Once the application for registration has been accepted, parents proceed with payment of the once-off preparatory registration fee.

- **What is Impaq Education:**

Impaq was established in 2002 as “Impak Onderwysdiens”, with a focus on providing solutions for home educated learners and their parents. Last year marked a new phase in the company's journey when the PSG Group purchased Impak. Since then, their teams have put in considerable effort to modernise learning materials and advance their service. In 2017, the company also rebranded, changing its name to Impaq Education.

Impaq provides parents and education facilities with the learning tools needed to educate children from Grade R to 12. They empower schools with simplified educational solutions that support learning in the classroom and enable teachers to spend more time on what really matters - the learners.

Impaq provides us and learners registered at our facility with a comprehensive set of educational products based on the national curriculum (CAPS), which core elements (Literacy, Numeracy and Life Skills) are implemented into our unique, enriched learning experience. This ensures that our learners are aligned with and remain on track with the South African schooling system, which enables them to obtain the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate.

- **What does registration with Impaq Education entail?**

Parents register their children with Impaq Education in order to receive the learner's CAPS-aligned learning resources for the year. Capriccio! Arts Powered Preparatory is an accredited Impaq Education Centre, fully equipped to provide children registered with Impaq the tools to advance on their learning journey. Capriccio! Arts Powered Preparatory facilitates learning and learner assessments, which are then processed by Impaq.

- **How to Register Your Child with Impaq:**

There are two pathways that may be used to register with Impaq. We recommend that parents register online to make the process as quick and seamless as possible.

- 1. Online Registration:**

Visit the My Impaq website portal at: <https://my.impaq.co.za/Account/RegistrationPicker>

Follow the simple instructions provided to register your child. **Kindly note that parents need to make use of the "Home Parent" registration option.**

Benefits of online registration:

- Saves time as it is faster than manual applications.
- Intuitive and easy to use, and you can track the progress of your application live.
- Get your registration quote automatically, which enables you to pay quickly, speeding up the ordering process of your material.

- 2. Manual Registration:**

The registration form is available to download on the Impaq ([www.impaq.co.za](http://www.impaq.co.za)) or on my.Impaq, if you are a registered user.

The completed form may be submitted to Impaq to the e-mail address specified on the form.

- **Cost: Impaq learner support and study materials:**

Once parents have registered with my.Impaq, they will receive a quotation for the learner support and study materials package: Capriccio! parents to select the **Full Package** option (tick **Facilitator E-book; Learner Hard Copy** - 2019 total for Grade 1: R3948, excl. delivery).

- The above includes: all formal CAPS assessment elements, such as tests, tasks and examinations in electronic format, as well as access to Impaq's online portal, my.Impaq, to easily manage assessment progress and results. The materials are aligned with the national curriculum (CAPS). This means that learners can obtain a Grade 12 National Senior Certificate and can also easily migrate to another school, if so desired or needed.

- **Pricing and payment:**

Kindly note that above amount is paid directly to Impaq Education.

Impaq offers parents 3 payment options:

- One-off payment: Full amount payable at registration; qualifies for 10% discount.
- Debit order: Deposit of 25% payable at registration, with the outstanding balance settled monthly via an Impaq administered debit order. The last payment is invoiced at the end of October.
- Monthly EFT: Deposit of 40% payable at registration, with the outstanding balance settled monthly via EFT. The last payment is invoiced at the end of October.

We look forward to sharing this exciting educational adventure with you and your child.

Feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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