



*W*elcome to *C*apriccio! *A*rts *P*owered *P*reparatory *in 2020*

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, inspiring learning environment that offers 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 Emilia 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 requests expressed by parents of learners at our established Capriccio! Arts Powered Pre-school for the extension of our unique, arts powered curriculum into foundation phase education. In 2019, we accommodated our first, small group of Grade 1 learners and currently accommodate a select group of Grade 1 and Grade 2 learners. We envisage establishing a boutique preparatory school on the property adjacent to our pre-school in future. For now, the Preparatory shares premises with Capriccio! Arts Powered Pre-school, which enables it to utilise additional 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, inspiring adventure - It should provide children with a safe space and a sense of belonging 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-actualise 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 Emilia, 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, 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 is 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

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 teacher.

Promoting *health and fitness* as a life-long priority for 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: 7.30 - 7.50, to commence at 8am.
- Afternoon collection time: 1.15pm.
- Afternoon care is available (additional cost applies) until 4.45pm).

EXTRAMURAL LESSONS

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

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

Learners bring their own, healthy mid-morning snacks and packed light lunch in a clearly labelled lunch box. Should they be attending afternoon care, they also provide their own healthy afternoon snacks.

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 and our ChildCloud communicator 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 quarterly progress reports.

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). Kindly note that this does not include educational supplies.
- *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.
2020 fees: R48,000 per annum payable monthly in advance in 12 instalments of R4,000 each (January to December), kindly due on the 1st day of each month.
- *2020 Afternoon care fees - (optional; subject to annual escalation):*
 - a. 5-days per week option: R18,000 per annum payable monthly in advance in 12 monthly instalments of R1,500 each (January to December), kindly due on the first day of each month.
 - b. 3-days per week option: R15,600 per annum payable monthly in advance in 12 monthly instalments of R1,300 each (January to December), kindly due on the first day of each month.
- *Annual educational supplies fee (subject to annual escalation):*
For 2020, R1,950 payable upon registration, covering class stationery, textbooks, art materials, ingredients towards specific projects, Preparatory shirt for newcomers, exercise books, workbooks and other educational supplies.

Information with regard to selected hygiene/household items to be supplied per learner twice a year, will be provided in our Parent Information letter.

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 complete academic quarter (3 months) is required.

THE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Capriccio! Arts Powered Preparatory is an education facility registered with the WCED as a primary school offering Foundation Phase education. We currently use educational tools & classroom resources provided by Impaq Education. Parents register their children at Capriccio! Arts Powered Preparatory by completing the relevant registration form. Once the application for registration has been accepted, they proceed with payment of the once-off preparatory registration fee.

- **Where does Impaq Education fit in?**

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

We obtain from Impaq a comprehensive set of educational products of a high standard, 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, enabling them to easily migrate to another school, should this be required and to continue their journey towards obtaining the Grade 12 National Senior Certificate.

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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