



Welcome to Capriccio Arts Powered Preparatory in 2025

Thank you for your interest in our preparatory school. We offer a warm and inviting, family-like learning community, in keeping with Maria Montessori's "Casa dei Bambini" concept.

ABOUT CAPRICCIO ARTS POWERED PREPARATORY

Capriccio Arts Powered Preparatory is an arts-powered, inspiring learning environment that offers learners a holistic and creativity-centred educational experience. Our innovative arts infused 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.

Capriccio Arts Powered Preparatory came to life as a response to requests from parents of learners at our long-established Capriccio Arts Powered Pre-school for an extension of our unique, arts powered curriculum into foundation phase education. In 2019, we accommodated our first, small group of Grade 1 learners and our preparatory now caters for Grade R to Grade 3 learners.

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 - providing 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 cultivating creativity in children and harnessing 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*. Art for the young child is seen as a pivotal mode of uninhibited self-expression. It creates a sense of wonder and amazement and in essence forms part of what makes us uniquely human. 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 – it goes beyond verbal language and enables children to communicate feelings that might not otherwise be expressed. A child's individual uniqueness is brought to the fore which in turn fosters a positive self-concept.

OUR CURRICULUM

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 and facilitate relevant CAPS aligned assessments. We do not believe in exposing 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.

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

- **Emphasis is placed on the following skills, 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 to instil in each child the value of being a good team player, to know their own strengths and talents – This enhances the learning environment and encourages 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, individual expression 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.
- *Coding & Robotics*: Our interactive coding and robotics programme guides and prepares learners to solve problems, think critically, work collaboratively and creatively, and function in a digital and information-driven world. The programme is delivered by RoboKidzCT and covers robotics building and early programming, utilising cutting-edge technology and child-friendly devices supplied for this purpose. Weekly lessons are 45 min - 1 hour in duration.

Along with CAPS Language, Mathematics, Life Skills & Robotics, 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.

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

As an extension of our physical education programme, a weekly 30-min *Kinderkinetics* lesson is included for preparatory learners enrolled in our Full aftercare option (5 days per week). Aimed at stimulating, promoting and rectifying neuro-motor and physical milestones relevant to age and developmental stage, this specialist programme delivered by a qualified Kinderkineticist with an Honours degree, lays a strong foundation for overall well-being and the fundamentals of sport. It is presented in an engaging activity session, followed by weekly feedback and a unique set of practical exercises to perform at home. In addition, developmental feedback reports are provided by our Kinderkineticist twice a year, and should a referral be required, the services of an occupational therapist is available on the school premises.

DAILY SCHEDULE

- Arrival time: 7.45, to commence at 8am (earlier care available).
- Afternoon collection time: 2pm.
- Afternoon care is available (additional cost applies) until 5pm (a late care option until 5.30pm is available as a standing arrangement, at an additional fee).

EXTRA-MURAL LESSONS

We offer a selection of optional extra-mural lessons at our school in the afternoons, including ballet, dance, drama, Rugga Roots and Tumblin' Tigerz. Further information is available on request.

CALENDAR & HOLIDAY CLUB

Our annual calendar is based on four school quarters as advised towards the end of the previous school year. Our school (and aftercare service) is closed during school holidays and on public holidays, however, we offer an optional Holiday Club (hours: 8h00 - 13h00) at a fee of R500 per week or portion thereof, during two weeks of the first three school holidays of the year (one week in the December holidays). Our school closes earlier (no aftercare offered) on the last day of term, and occasional special event days.

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 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 class broadcasts and Kidscloud and encourage all to stay in tune with the latest news and activities via our social media platforms:

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

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

TikTok: <https://www.tiktok.com/@caprischools/>

We also provide a regular parent newsletter and facilitate quarterly progress reports.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Non-refundable, once-off enrolment fee payable upon notification of successful application: R5,500 per learner.

Fees are calculated annually based on four school quarters and subject to annual escalation. Enrolment of the learner at the School shall be ongoing from one school year to the next, unless terminated according to the School's cancellation policy.

✓ 2025 Fees Outline:

- *Private School Tuition fees:* R42,000 per annum payable monthly in advance, in 12 instalments of R3,500 each (Jan to Dec) due on the 1st day of each month.
 - Sibling discount: 10% per sibling may be granted, available on tuition fees only.
- *Enriched Curriculum fees:* R12,000 per annum payable monthly in advance, in 12 instalments of R1,000 each (Jan to Dec) due on the 1st day of each month.
- *Annual educational supplies fee:*
 - R2,750 annually for preparatory learners
 - Payable upon enrolment, covering class stationery, art & sensory materials, exercise/art journals, other educational/creative development supplies and textbooks/workbooks
 - Excludes hygiene supplies to be provided twice a year per learner.
- *Branded school shirts and cap/sunhat:* R240 per item.

✓ Optional Services:

- *Full Aftercare* (5-days per week, until 5pm): R18,000 per annum payable monthly in advance in 12 monthly instalments of R1,500 each (January to December), due on the first day of each month.
 - For Preparatory learners, this option includes a weekly 30-min *Kinderkinetics* lesson and two feedback reports per year.
- *Half Aftercare* (5-days per week, until 3pm): R14,400 per annum payable monthly in advance in 12 monthly instalments of R1,200 each (January to December), due on the first day of each month.
- *Early drop-off* (at 7.20): free, provided it is arranged with the principal in writing, in advance.
- *Late aftercare (collection by 17.30):* available as a standing arrangement at an add-on monthly instalment of R300 (not available ad hoc).
- *Holiday Club* (8.00 - 13.00; one or two weeks per holiday): R500 per week or part thereof, payable before commencement of service.

Should a learner be absent from attending school for any period of time, all fees due for that period will continue to be payable. In the case of a learner's discontinued attendance, advance written notice of one complete academic quarter (3 months) is required. In the case of aftercare and extramural option amendments, the parent must provide one month's advance notice via email.

Kindly refer to our school's Financial Information for further important policies and procedures in this regard.

ENROLMENT PROCESS

Capriccio Arts Powered Preparatory is an education facility registered with the WCED as a primary school offering Foundation Phase education. Parents enrol their children by completing the relevant application form. Once the application for enrolment has been accepted, the once-off enrolment fee is due for payment and the enrolment contract comes into effect.

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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