

THE SCHOOL DAY

In summer classes begin at 7:30 and school ends at 13:30 and in winter classes are from 7:45 to 13:45

Pupils attend their various types of sport, practical classes and cultural activities in the afternoons.

Pupils may be required on Saturday mornings for sporting or cultural activities.

A supervised homework /study support facility is provided for pupils after school.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Respect forms the basis of the school's Code of Conduct. Pupils are expected to take the Code seriously and are also required to publicly sign the Code when admitted to Principia. Considerable attention is therefore paid to the question of appropriate behaviour, language, manners and dress among our pupils. The Code complies with the norms and standards of a healthy society and prepares pupils for the world of work.

DRESS CODE

As Principians we value highly the pride we have in ourselves and our *alma mater*. It is imperative that as **Brand Principia** we reflect in our image the high standards that we strive to uphold.

Our uniform manifests our school community image to ourselves and the general public.

Our uniform and how we wear it and carry ourselves; while embracing the realities of the *Klein Karoo* and a more informal mode; must be worn with dignity and with respect towards the image of the school.

TEXTBOOKS, EXERCISE BOOKS AND STATIONERY

Textbooks are supplied by Principia during the first week of a school year and are charged to parents.

A list of the required exercise books and stationery is provided each year. Parents are responsible for purchasing these.

FEES POLICY

Principia College is run on corporate governance principles which include strict financial controls.

- Tuition fees, boarding fees and extramural fees are payable monthly in advance January – December inclusive (i.e. for 12 months).
- Invoices and statements will be sent out by the 27th for the following month and the full account is **payable by the 1st of the month**. **NB:** This includes holiday months
- **3 months notice in writing or 3 months school and/or boarding fees** is required from parents to remove a pupil from the school.



BOARDING

The pastoral care element is intricately linked to pupils' personal development in academics, co-curricular and social fields.

In providing a family-structured home away from home environment is an extension of our mission and vision to provide an education of distinction.

A trusting and safe environment will always be:

- advocating pupils' best interests,
- mentoring pupils and providing emotional support,
- developing strong, mutually respectful relationships,
- creating a family-style environment with consistent rituals and traditions,
- creating and cultivating opportunities for pupils to develop personal maturity through developmentally appropriate freedoms and responsibilities,
- supporting students by attending as many functions that involve their pupils as practical, and
- supporting students through participation in the co-curricular programme.

Staffed by educators and care-givers, our boarding facilities will:

- Provide a structured learning environment
- Assist with homework when necessary and teach study skills,
- Assist with goal-setting, monitoring academic performance and work ethic,
- Implement additional support in a range of areas when necessary

With specific regard to parents: house parents

- Participate in parent conferences, (or act *in loco parentis* for parents who cannot attend)
- communicate with parents regarding progress, accomplishments, growth areas, and concerns,
- consult with parents, when appropriate, and involving them in decision- making concerning the child's care.

