



**APPLEWOOD**  
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

## SENIOR PHASE

Grade 4-7



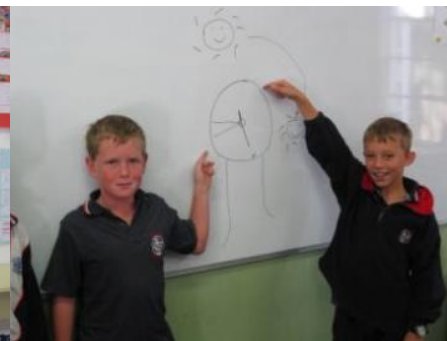
### Introduction

We are passionate about children - your children, our pupils. We believe in a partnership between parents and educators as the formula for a child's success - success being the all round development and achievement of the child academically, emotionally, physically, morally, culturally, and spiritually. The welfare of the children is a high priority; developing them towards integrity.

We subscribe to an Outcomes Based approach by delivering a mainstream, academic curriculum, based on the prescribed National Curriculum Statement.

Across all grades, we actively promote our Christian ethos. Bible Education is timetabled as an academic subject.

Regular bench-marking programmes and instruments are utilised. Results from these exercises highlight Applewood's high academic standard as the school is consistently placed well above national averages. The teachers encourage enquiry-based learning and emphasis is placed on enrichment. Accelerated learning techniques, lateral thinking and the building of self-esteem are also key elements of a creative and dynamic academic drive.



## Core Subjects

### 1. English 1<sup>st</sup> Language

At Applewood we endeavour to develop the language of instruction in order to facilitate fluency of communication, develop reading and comprehension skills and to encourage a love of the language. The structure of the syllabus is a progressive one and learners will deal with differing levels of difficulty according to their development. Assessment is done through setting varied tasks for learners like speeches, poetry, creative writing, book studies, as well as language and comprehension tests and activities.

### 2. Afrikaans (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Language)

It is our aim at Applewood to make the learning of Afrikaans as enjoyable and stimulating as possible. We concentrate on listening, reading, comprehending, writing and speaking skills which progress with each grade as learners become more comfortable and confident in the language. Afrikaans 1<sup>st</sup> language is also offered at the school from grade 3 level.

### 3. Mathematics

Mathematics is a challenging and exciting part of the curriculum that teaches logical, structured thinking and encourages lateral thinking and problem solving. Skills are developed through the grades and built upon as the learner grows in understanding. Mental mathematics is a vital part of all other aspects taught and so these skills are practised and pupils are challenged daily in the classrooms. Continuous assessment is crucial and forms a large part of the assessment criteria at Applewood.

### 4. Human and Social Science

This subject combines Geography and History into one learning area. It presents children with the opportunity to explore the wonders of our environment as well as the interrelationship between humans and the environment.

### 5. Natural Science

At Applewood we like to investigate and experiment with different resources, looking at both physics and biology as subsections of Science.



## Other subjects taught

6. Computers, Design and Technology
7. Economic Management Science
8. Art
9. Xhosa
10. Music
11. Bible Education
12. Life Skills
13. Library Skills
14. Drama

