



PINELANDS HIGH SCHOOL

Excellence | Leadership | Innovation

WELCOME TO PINELANDS HIGH SCHOOL

Established in 1952, Pinelands High School is a public high school situated in the suburb of Pinelands. We offer an extensive academic and extra-mural programme and have a rich history of success in many spheres of endeavour. We are strongly motivated and guided by our mission:

We strive to be a world-class school, rooted in Africa, that facilitates a quality, all-round education in a caring and disciplined environment.

Our catchwords **Excellence, Leadership and Innovation** are at the centre of all that we do, and ensure that we remain a school with an aspirational ethos which prepares young people for successful and fulfilled adult lives.

We are a diverse South African school. Our diversity extends beyond race and ethnicity to embrace culture, religion, socio-economic background, gender, and the physical and intellectual spheres. It is this diversity which powers our school and ensures that we remain an environment which embraces difference, is open to change and which equips our teenagers with a real-world experience. Our motto: **Diversity - Eenheid - Ukukhula** (Diversity - Unity - Growth) captures the spirit of this power.

We believe in the importance of a disciplined, well-managed and administratively efficient environment, as these elements then allow academic endeavour, creativity and thought to flourish.

Academic Excellence

Pursuing academic excellence is our core purpose. Whilst numerous factors contribute to maintaining excellence in this area, the quality of teaching and learning that takes place during each and every lesson is fundamental. We have a strong emphasis on developing our teachers' expertise through professional growth opportunities and through a strong culture of collaboration both within the school and across the broader educational landscape. Our academic focus ensures that we extend gifted and talented students, whilst supporting 'at-risk' and other students who may not be achieving their full potential.

21st Century Schooling

One of our key strategic focus areas is the curriculum and its delivery, with our work being to ensure that both of these are appropriate for the new world. This is ably supported by the use of ipads in the classroom by teachers. We have a phased 1-to-1 ipad roll-out programme which means that each year Grade 8 students start their high school career with an ipad, with the first group commencing in 2023.

Educational research and professional growth guide our thinking as we pursue innovation to improve learning. The appropriate use of IT, greater individualisation of learning and the challenging of traditional paradigms of schooling act as a starting point to ensure that we remain modern and relevant in the 21st century. We are a 'Google School' which aids our stated intent to be a future-focused educational institution which uses information and communication technologies to enhance teaching and learning.

A Rich Educational Experience

We remain true to our belief that school should educate the whole child and we therefore are committed to offer as wide an educational experience as possible. We provide an extensive subject choice in the formal curriculum, enriching opportunities in the co-curricular programme, as well as numerous sporting, musical, dramatic and other cultural extra-curricular activities.

THE ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

Grades 8 – 9

English Home Language
Afrikaans or isiXhosa First Additional Language
Mathematics
Creative Arts (Art, Music and Drama)
Economic Management Sciences
Life Orientation
Natural Sciences
Social Sciences
Technology

Grades 10 – 12

Compulsory

English Home Language
Afrikaans or isiXhosa First Additional Language
Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy
Life Orientation

Elective (minimum of three)

Accounting
Computer Applications Technology
Consumer Studies
Design (Surface and Textiles)
Dramatic Arts
Engineering Graphics and Design
Geography
History
Life Sciences
Music
Physical Sciences
Tourism
Visual Arts

Academic Extension Subjects (offered as 8th or 9th subjects)

Further Studies English
Further Studies Mathematics
Information Technology

EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES

We offer a full programme of extra-mural activities for our students. The educational value of this programme is of enormous benefit to both students and the teachers who work with them. Lessons learnt outside the classroom are often more valuable in teaching individuals about themselves than those learnt within the classroom, and we pride ourselves on being able to offer a variety of activities to suit most young people.

SPORTS AT PINELANDS HIGH SCHOOL

(All sports are offered for girls and boys unless otherwise stated)

Summer

Athletics
Basketball
Chess
Cricket
Gym
Indoor Hockey
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Ultimate Frisbee
Water Polo
Touch Rugby

Winter

Chess
Cross Country
Dodgeball
Golf
Gym
Hockey
Netball (girls only)
Soccer
Squash
Table Tennis

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Clubs and Societies

Christian Union
Debating
Eco Club
First Aid
General Knowledge Quiz
Interact
Kaleidoscope (LGBTQ society)
Muslim Students' Association
NULLPTR (Game Design, Development and Coding)
Outdoor Club
Poetry XPress
Photography Club
President's Award
Robotics Club
Sound and Lighting Team
Tabletop Gaming Society

Musical Ensembles

Choir
Junior Marimba Band
Jazz Combo
Orchestra
Senior Marimba Band
String Ensemble
Wind Band

On Stage

Annual Dramatic Production (alternating between a musical and a play)
Cabaret-style show (alternating annually with the musical)
Annual Inter-House One-Act Play Festival

Music

Our Music Department consists of qualified and experienced teachers offering the highest standard of tuition. Our three full-time staff and seventeen part-time staff inspire and give their students the confidence and courage to be successful. Every year our students successfully complete the Trinity practical examination, the Cape Town Eisteddfod and the Afrikaans Eisteddfod in their instruments of choice. Music exams of this type require diligence and practice. They prepare students for future situations where they need to be adaptable and perform under pressure or think on their feet. Our various bands and choirs also compete in Eisteddfods and other competitions each year. We are widely known for the quality of our music teaching and performance, as well as for our musical offerings on the stage.

Outdoor Adventure Leadership

Pinelands has a strong tradition of outdoor adventure leadership and personal growth initiatives which take the form of various camps throughout a student's high school career. Students are equipped with various leadership skills and challenged to examine and understand their own position in a diverse and changing society. They are given the greatest possible motivation to achieve their own potential and to accelerate change in their own life and in a broader context.

FACILITIES

Pinelands High School strives to provide its students and staff with the best possible facilities. Over the years, we have increased and improved upon our facilities, and we offer a wide variety of amenities for our students. These include:

Learning Hub	Our Reeler Centre plays an important role in enhancing information literacy among our students. This learning hub offers students a venue where they are able to conduct research using both books and electronic media.
Computer Centres	There are two computer centres, with over 30 computers in each.
Art and Design	Our Art venues include an Art Room and two Textile/Surface Design Centres.
Technology Block	This consists of a fully-fitted drawing room and computer facilities for Engineering Graphics and Design using AutoCad.
Music Block	The music block houses a number of teaching and practice rooms, fully equipped for each instrument and theory.
Sciences	A number of laboratories allow the practical side of these subjects to be demonstrated easily. Our renovated Science laboratories boast interactive technology, laptop connectivity and DC power supply for scientific equipment. The upgrade of these classrooms into modern and interactive spaces, together with up-to-date technology, makes the teaching and studying of Science a compelling option at Pinelands High.
Consumer Studies	A fully fitted kitchen with 16 work stations.
Sporting Facilities	1 full-sized hockey astroturf; a mini-astroturf for hockey, tennis and netball practice; 4 hockey fields; 2 soccer fields; 3 cricket fields (2 with grass pitches); cricket nets; cricket artificial turf run-ups; 5 tennis courts (2 also used for netball); 2 basketball courts; an outdoor training gym; an indoor gym; the Thomson Hall (indoor hockey, basketball, cricket nets, soccer and table tennis) and a 25m swimming and water polo pool.
School Shop	This is offered as a service to our students and stocks the school uniform, sports uniforms, both new and second-hand textbooks and most stationery.

FEE STRUCTURES

Pinelands High School is a fee paying school. Fees are set annually at a Budget meeting with parents and guardians. The school fees for Grade 8 in 2023 are R40 703. An initial payment of R2 500 is payable on acceptance of the offer of placement which is deducted from your annual school fees.

School fees for 2024 will be determined at the Budget Meeting to be held in November 2023. In addition, many parents/guardians have contributed to the voluntary Capital Development Fund, which was set up to raise funds for much-needed projects at the school. A suggested amount is R1 000 but any amount will be gladly received. These donations may be claimed as a tax deduction. Tax certificates will be issued in terms of our PBO (Public Benefit Organisation) status.

Applications for Grade 8 in 2024 need to be submitted online via the WCED website. The closing date for applications is Friday 14 April 2023.