



PINELANDS HIGH SCHOOL

Excellence | Leadership | Innovation

Established 1952
A public high school situated
in the suburb of Pinelands

Welcome

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. This diversity powers our school and equips our students with 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 and a phased 1-to-1 iPad roll-out programme. 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. We are a 'Google School' which aids our stated intent to be a future-focused educational institution.

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.

2023 National Senior Certificate Results

- Positioned **19th** in the top 20 schools in the province (schools with an NSC enrolment of 80 or more candidates, including independent/private schools).
- Positioned **6th** in the province of all co-ed schools.
- EGD (Engineering Graphics & Design) placed **1st** in the Metro Central District and **5th** in the province.
- History placed **8th** in the province.
- In the top overall candidates in the Metro Central District – **9th place Sarah Parker**
- Top Physical Sciences student in the Metro Central District – **Samuel Tucker 98%**
- Top EGD candidate Metro Central District and 5th EGD candidate in the province – **Sarah Parker 99%**

Special mention is made of our **top three students** who all achieved aggregates **above 90%**:



Joseph Gibbon
9 A's including
98% for Maths



Samuel Tucker
8 A's including
98% for Physical
Sciences



Sarah Parker
7 A's including
99% for EGD

- Another **17** students achieved aggregates of **80% or more**.
- Bachelor's pass rate of **85.2%** and a pass rate of **99%**.

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
- Maths or Maths 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



We offer academic extension subjects that can be taken as additional 8th, 9th or 10th subjects from Grade 10.

Academic Extension Subjects

- Further Studies English – offered after school on campus
- Further Studies Maths (Standard) – during school hours
- Further Studies Maths (Extended) – during school hours
- Information Technology – offered after school on campus



Extra-Mural Activities

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

Besides physical fitness, we believe that sport builds discipline and teaches teamwork, resilience, humility and leadership. It is a safe microcosm for real life and for many children it is where friendships are forged. (All sports are offered for girls and boys unless otherwise stated).

Summer

- Athletics
- Basketball
- Chess
- Cricket
- E-Sport
- Gym
- Indoor Hockey (girls only)
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Water Polo
- Touch Rugby

Winter

- Chess
- Cross Country
- E-Sport
- Golf
- Gym
- Hockey
- Netball (girls only)
- Soccer
- Squash
- Table Tennis
- Volleyball

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Clubs and Societies

- Art Society
- Christian Union
- Debating
- Drama Club
- Eco-Club
- First Aid
- General Knowledge Quiz
- Interact
- Kaleidoscope (LGBTQ society)
- Muslim Students' Association
- Outdoor Club
- Poetry Express
- Photography Club
- President's Award
- Robotics Club
- Sound and Lighting Team

Musical Ensembles

- Choir
- Junior & Intermediate Marimba Band
- Flute Ensemble
- 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

Every year our students successfully complete the Trinity practical examination, the Cape Town Eisteddfod and the Afrikaans Eisteddfod in their instruments of choice. 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 through various camps throughout a student's high school career. Students are equipped with various leadership skills and challenged to examine and understand their 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.

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 and a 3-D Printer.

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 practices; 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.

The school fees for Grade 8 in 2024 are R43 332.

An initial payment of R2 500 is payable on acceptance of the offer of placement which is deducted from your annual school fees.

All Grade 8 students are required to participate in our iPad programme. An initial fee of R1000 is payable upon acceptance. The balance is payable monthly over three years.

Voluntary contributions to the Capital Development Fund (suggested amount of R1 000). These are tax deductible.

Applications for Grade 8 in 2025 need to be submitted online via the WCED website. The closing date for applications is Friday 12 April 2024.

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