



## Information About Our School

### INTRODUCTION

Our school was established by Linda Openshaw in January 2009. Linda has 21 years of teaching experience and has an Honours Bachelor of Education. It was while studying her honours degree that she became inspired to start a school with a difference: small classes in a natural setting where every child can excel and be equipped for success.

### OUR CURRICULUM

We follow the Cambridge International Curriculum which encourages students to become confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged – to prepare them for our fast-changing modern world. We are registered with the Department of Basic Education and as a Cambridge International School. We start the curriculum with Cambridge Checkpoint from Grade 7 to 9, then IGCSE (International General Certificate of Secondary Education) followed by Advanced Subsidiary Levels (AS Levels) or A Levels. All our teachers are highly qualified and well equipped to teach this internationally recognised curriculum.

### WHY CHOOSE LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL?

At Lighthouse School we have no more than 12 students per class. The students stay with the same teacher for a few years. This setting gives the teacher the opportunity to spend individual time with each student and to get to know that person intimately, forming a strong relationship of trust.

Success at school is highly dependent on the student's self-esteem. As we have students of different ages in the class, their achievements are not compared to those of other students. Instead, they progress at their own pace and take pride in their achievements. Individual goals are set for each student. They do not wear uniforms but are encouraged to be proud of their identity.

Having different ages together in a class allows for learning valuable social skills in a natural setting. Students learn to work together, to help those who are younger than they are and sometimes to be guided by those who are older. They also form a good relationship with an adult, the teacher. Thus, socialisation is well rounded and realistic.

As students work at their own pace, they can utilise their time more efficiently. They can fly through subjects that are easier and spend more time on challenging subjects. They also have time available to work on projects or homework at school. We have computers and internet access to assist them. By working on this at school, they learn valuable time management skills.

With the smaller group it is much easier to go on excursions outside the classroom. We go to Scifest in Grahamstown, and we go on a school tour every year. We have a complete science lab and ensure that the students learn through hands-on experience wherever possible.

The Lighthouse is a Christian school. We start each day with a Bible lesson and prayer and all teachers are Christians. We believe that people are made in God's image, and it is our task to love them and journey with them, hopefully leading them to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We nurture the students spiritually and instil in them Christian values.

### OUR DAILY ROUTINE

We do have various optional extra murals available, at an extra cost, subject to interest shown. The normal school day runs from 07:45 to 13:20 or 14:05, depending on subjects chosen.

### HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

School fees are R5000 per month over 12 months, payable monthly in advance.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

If you are interested in The Lighthouse School, or wish to learn more about us, please contact us on 071 883 7641 or email [lighthouseschoolsa@gmail.com](mailto:lighthouseschoolsa@gmail.com). You can also check out our website at [www.lighthouseinternationalschool.co.za](http://www.lighthouseinternationalschool.co.za)