



We understand that choosing the best education provider for your child is one of the most important decisions a parent will be called upon to make. Science has proven that a child needs to repeat a skill 50 000 times before they master it, as an adult we take for granted that we are able to hold and control a pen but a child has to think about that task every time they do it. Pre-primary education forms the foundation for all future learning and many learning difficulties identified later in life can be traced back directly to an inadequate pre-primary education.

All academic planning and assessment is based on the national CAPS document as well as the ISASA Curriculum Guidelines for Early Childhood Development. As part of the mentoring process, teachers identify, source and reference a theme, taking careful consideration of progression made across grades as well as individual differentiation within classes. Implementation of the Reggio Emilia Philosophy encourages and promotes critical thinking, problem solving, research, exploration and creativity among our learners – attributes critical to future achievement.

Attending pre-school is the first real exercise in which children are separated from the comfort and secure zone of their parents. In order to facilitate this transition, the environment entrusted with their care requires, effectively, to be a place akin to a home away from home for them. To achieve this, we provide a nurturing, happy space with an abundance of interesting and stimulating tools and facilities in order to attract the child and captivate their imagination.

The daily programme at the College emphasises and supports the notion of the holistic development of the child across six broad functional clusters –

Five Senses - New learning takes place through all five senses starting with the most important one, touch.

Physical – Great emphasis is placed on the physical development of our children. The Astro-turf area in front of each class as well as our Sensory Garden enhances the development of gross motor skills. Action ball once a week is provided by qualified coaches as well as sports skills training to develop skills required for sports offered in the Junior College.

Social and Emotional – These skills are developed through peer and adult interaction and play. The child learns to share, take turns and accept rules. We strive to develop responsible, self-disciplined, law-abiding citizens.

Cognitive and Language Development – These play a very important part in the daily programme. The child learns to listen and speak using full, complete sentences with emphasis being placed on phonemic awareness. The reading and viewing of the printed media is encouraged. Perceptual, spatial and problem-solving skills are taught.

Maths – Pre-Primary Mathematics focuses on concrete numerical concepts and data handling. Learners are able to perform simple calculations and estimations using concrete apparatus. Learners are exposed to rote counting, number recognition and problem solving.

Computers – On the technology side our College offers the Knowledge Network programme, a progressive programme for each Grade teaching computer skills through games. Coding has been introduced and now forms part of the computer programme. Each child's progress is carefully monitored and documented and this is shared with parents on a regular basis.



What Woodlands has to offer

A range of activities is offered on Campus from Monday to Thursday on an outsourced basis –

Sport

- Cricket
- Karate
- Kinder Kinetics
- PhyzzEd
- Soccer Starz
- Tennis
- Golf
- Pony Play @ Woodlands
- Indoor Hockey
- Indoor Netball
- Indoor Soccer
- WIFA (Woodlands International Football Association) Homeground

Cultural

- Ballet
- Drama
- Modern dancing
- Music appreciation

Music Department

- Instruments
- Voice Coaching
- A range of percussion instruments
 - Castinets
 - Drums
 - Rhythm sticks
 - Shakers
 - Tambourines
 - Triangles

Other

- Chess
- Manners 4 Minors
- Young Engineers
- Drumming
- Movement and dance

Aftercare Centre

An after-school care facility is offered on the premises and runs throughout the academic year including all school holidays and mid-term breaks, closing only from mid-December until mid-January, when the College reopens for the academic year. A Holiday Club operates during the August holidays and during the first two weeks in December.

The Aftercare facilities of Woodlands Pre-Primary College rank among the best in Gauteng and include an indoor double volume Piazza play area, kitchen, dining area, sickroom, and an Astro-turf sports arena specifically designed to meet the needs of the Pre-Primary students.

Learners are provided with a cooked, balanced meal every day, as well as a mid-afternoon snack.

Caring Aftercare teachers provide a warm, nurturing environment for those learners who need to spend a full day at the College. Aftercare times are until 17:30 from Monday to Thursday, and until 17:00 on Friday.