

# PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### **ABOUT**

THE WAY is an independent non-profit Christian preschool, primary school and high school based in Raslouw, Centurion.

At THE WAY Christian School, we believe in a holistic approach to education. Our goal is to develop the whole individual and provide opportunities for students to grow and expand their horizons through 21st-century teaching methods – where communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity are nurtured and grown.

We offer the Curriculum Assessment Policy Statements (CAPS) syllabus, enriched with a biblical perspective, and plan to register with the Independent Examinations Board (IEB).

#### **OUR STORY**

THE WAY started in 1998 on the grounds of a church in Valhalla, Centurion, as a church outreach programme. In 2003 it became independent of the church, and rented premises until December 2013, when it moved to its own property in Raslouw, Centurion.

At the end of 2015, THE WAY Christian School began partnering with Highway Church, which shared the same vision to provide non-profit Christian-based education of the highest standards to Centurion families. In order to execute this combined vision effectively, it was decided to combine premises in Raslouw in 2016.

**VISION** 

Our dream is to see young men and women become life-long learners and leaders in industry, science, medicine, law, and economics, as well as in the creative and physical arts. In order to achieve this, we work with both learners and their parents, to build lasting values and a healthy vision as they grow into their authentic identities in Christ.

## **MISSION**

We provide a progressive approach to educating our learners, thereby preparing them to lead productive and fulfilling lives, while making a positive contribution to society. This we strive for by:



### **EXCELLENCE**

- providing education of a high standard and continually reinvesting into this.
- developing and optimally utilising state-of-the-art school facilities.
- employing and further developing high calibre staff.



## DISCIPLESHIP

- assisting parents in building a God-like character in their children's lives.
- upholding and instilling biblical values in our young people.
- nurturing the attribute of love by unselfishly caring for the needs of others.



# DEVELOPMENT

- Empowering and inspiring the leaders of tomorrow.
- Inspiring servant leadership, and love for their community.
- Equipping our young people for life and, in so doing, preparing them to take up a meaningful place in our society, moving from learning child to participating adult.

## **VALUES**

- Upholding Biblical values of honesty, integrity, and Christian character.
- Providing education of the highest standards.
- A culture of continuous improvement and excellence in academic, social, physical and spiritual spheres. Doing all things as unto the Lord.
- Careful monitoring of learners' academic performance and emotional well-being
- For parents who, though not necessarily Christian themselves, desire a nondenominational Christian culture and educational experience for their children.





## **SMALL CLASSES**

Our philosophy is to keep our school's classes small (about 24 learners per class) to be able to give learners individual attention and foster close relationships between educators, learners and their families.



#### **#DISCOVERLAND**

Our secure play area, #Discoverland, has been designed specifically for our Grade R classes to learn effectively through play. It consists of, amongst other things, a sensory garden, storyland centre, "messyland" kitchen and numerous climbing, hanging, crawling, and jumping apparatuses, for physical and sensory development.



#### **EXTRA-MURAL ACTIVITIES**

On our new sports field, we offer soccer, netball, cross-country and athletics to encourage a healthy and fit lifestyle. We have many other extra-mural activities, including music presented by the Emthonjeni Music School, glee club, boot camp, choir, Zumba, chess and bible clubs. These activities enable learners to grow in different areas and to showcase their talent. Our learners also attend an outdoor camp in Grade 6



#### **OUR CAMPUS**

Primary and high schools are in separate sections of our secure, fenced campus in Raslouw, Centurion.



#### **AFTERCARE**

This service is available after school throughout the regular school terms. Aftercare fees, as well as lunch options, are available from the office.



# STRONG TRADITIONS

Over our long history, we have found that building solid traditions leads to greater team spirit and assists in maintaining discipline and positive school values. A few of these traditions include a meet–and–greet Family Braai at the beginning of the school year, a Big Walk, Spring Sprint fundraising event, a Dads & Daughters tea, Dads & Lads lunch, Moms' High Tea, Goofy Games and Valentine's Ball.



## **NOT FOR PRIVATE GAIN**

THE WAY functions as an NPO (non-profit organisation). This enables us to channel all surplus funds into attracting the highest standard of educators and upgrading facilities in the classrooms and the sports fields.



## **GRADE R SCHOOL READINESS**

Regular communication between Grade R and Grade 1 teachers ensures that Grade Rs reach their school-going goals.





# **SCHOOL MODEL**

- Registered with Gautena Department of Education
- Christian-based values
- Active Parents' Forum
- Grades R Grade 12
- SACE-registered educators
- Small classes (about 24 learners per class) in all phases
- Learner-centred education with teachers leading by example
- Free extra lessons in English, Mathematics, Afrikaans and other subjects where the learner may be having difficulty.

The Way offers all subjects in the various phases per the CAPS curriculum. We also believe in the value of experiential education, which engages students in hands-on experiences and reflection. This enables the learners to transfer theoretical knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world situations. In addition, we offer the following in the specific phases:

# PRIMARY SCHOOL EXTRA FEATURES

CAPS & ELDAS curriculum for Grade R

Play-based learningFarm atmosphere

Safe environment

ACT Drama Academy (extra-mural) for all grades

• "Little Lab Coats" Natural Science Programme

Soccer Starz

• Robotics: (Grades 1–3 & 7)

Excellent Art Classes: (from Grade 4)Emthonieni Music School



