



VAAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

*(Association incorporated under Section 21)
Reg. No.: 91/01240/08*

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**Vaal village
(R716) Deneysville Road
VILJOENSDRIFT, 9580**

GENERAL PROSPECTUS

2021

Learner's Name and Surname :

Grade :

WELCOME TO ALL PARENTS AND LEARNERS!

Vaal Christian School is a Section 21 private school established in 1988, and situated on the R716 Deneysville Road. We are 12km from Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark.
(GPS coordinates: -26.761108, 27.945443).

Our slogan: **One Lord, One Faith, One School**, affirms our emphasis on Christian values.

VCS offers academic education from grade R to grade 12. Class sizes are always kept to manageable sizes to ensure high levels of individual tuition. Aided by our highly motivated educators, the 2018 Matrics achieved a 97.6% pass rate, 93.6% in 2019.

High School subject choice includes:

English, Afrikaans, Sotho, Accounting, Business Studies, Tourism, Economics, History, Life Science, Life Orientation, Mathematics/ Maths Literacy, Physical Science.

We also offer hostel facilities for girls and boys, from grade 3 upwards, depending on the emotional maturity of the Learner. Every Hostel (8 in total) is managed by its own Hostel Parent (two in some cases), with Pastor Hlabangana our Hostel Manager.

VISION

- To educate and discipline our Learners
- To recognise and promote our SA culture
- To promote love of nature and land
- To facilitate family restoration
- To create Godly ubuntu
- Through lives that reflect Christian morals and standards

MISSION

- To educate and train our Learners, from a biblical stand point, in both secular and spiritual disciplines,
- To function as servants and as leaders in South Africa.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday: 8h00 — 15h00, Fridays: 08h00 — 14h00

CONTACT DETAIL:

Telephone: (016) 457 2010/11

Email : vcsjp@nextlink.co.za (Junior Primary)

- vaalchristiansp@gmail.com (Snr Primary)
- vaalchristianh@gmail.com (High School)
- vcsadmin@nextlink.co.za (admin)

BASIC POLICY

- Never leave the premises (School or Hostel) without permission. This WILL lead to a hearing which can mean expulsion!
- Cell phones are not allowed. Cell phones will be confiscated and will only be returned to parents at the end of the School year.
- Always present yourself in a neat and tidy fashion and wear your uniform with pride.
- Our School relies heavily on the contribution and support of the parents, including matters such as:
 - a . Timely payment of all fees
 - b . Overseeing homework/ assignments, studying for tests/ exams
 - c . Support Teachers and Management with maintaining of disciplinary standards

REGISTRATION

Registration is open from 01 June 2020 Registration fees:

School: R500 is payable by all NEW Learners.

Hostel R1500 for new Boarders, R500 for current Boarders

School fees / Hostel fees: see addendum

TEXTBOOKS AND STATIONERY

- All prescribed textbooks and stationery must be bought from school and stationery fees are payable at school only.
- Foundation phase Gr R — Gr 3 R1600
- LSEN Gr4-Gr8 R1800
- Senior Primary Gr 4 — Gr 7 R1800
- High School Gr 8—Gr 9 To be advised
- High School Gr 10 — Gr 12 Pricing depends on module taken by learner.

Banking Details:

Account Name: Vaal Christian School

Bank Details: FNB

Branch Code: 250337

Account No: 51300023812 (This account is for School and Hostel fees only)

Reference: Learner's Name, Surname and Grade

Please email Proof of Payment to:

vcsadmin@nxtlink.co.za

ACADEMIC MATTERS

INTRODUCTION

- Vaal Christian School is situated in Vaal Village, near Viljoensdrift. We are about 15 km from Vereeniging and from Vanderbijlpark, on the R716 towards Deneysville.
- We believe that Parents choose a school:
 - Where their wards can learn in an academically stimulating environment and
 - seeking a safe and caring environment
- Vaal Christian School performs consistently among the top ten schools in the Free State and once again received a Gold Award from the Department of Education in 2017
- The School Management appoints qualified educators who have extensive experience in their particular learning areas and are registered with SACE.
- At VCS, we endeavour to maintain small classes to allow for individual attention, to maximise the full potential of our learners
- To provide for additional needs, extra classes are conducted where required

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL LEARNERS:

The Code of Conduct and Dress Code is attached to this Prospectus.

HOSTEL

- Our Hostel Parents strive to not only to be spiritual guides and confidantes, but a parent away from home, with the Learners' best interest at heart.
- Dormitories are cleaned during the week by our own cleaning staff, but Learners will assist to keep their dorms neat and tidy, their clothes either packed away or handed in for washing
- Learners will wash their own underwear and socks.
- Hostel Parents will endeavour to ensure Learners' school uniforms are always clean and neat.
- Groceries: Hostel rules prohibit learners from bringing perishable groceries. Problems with vermin and pests make this step a necessity.
Items such as: 2 Minute Noodles, Tea/Coffee/Sugar/Milo/powdered milk, Crisps and Biscuits will be allowed. There is a tuck shop available for learners who may need snacks or drinks.

<u>Visiting hours for parents:</u> Saturday	12h00	17h00
Sunday	14h00	17h00

Weekends out:

- There will be **ONLY ONE WEEK END OUT** per term, and all the learners are to be collected on that Friday after contact time between **14h30 and 18h00**. Learners shall be back on Sunday **before 18h00**.
- No Learners will be allowed to stay behind during weekends out.

New term Procedure

- When returning for every new term, all Learners shall report to the Cashier's office to confirm payment of fees, collecting an Admission Slip for the Hostel. No learner shall be permitted to enter the Hostel without this admission slip.
- Please note that, on the first day of the term, the Cashier's Office closes at 18h00.
No payments can be accepted after that time. Please assist us with this important arrangement.

NB – ALL HOSTEL LEARNERS MUST BE IN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORMS WHEN THEY RETURN TO HOSTEL AT THE START OF THE NEW TERM, EG: SCHOOL GOLF T-SHIRT AND A JEAN.

**WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO HOSTEL?
NO PRIVATE CLOTHES OTHER THAN WHAT IS LISTED BELOW**

- 1 x Bible
- Toiletries (soap, face cloth, toilet paper)
- 2 x Pairs of pyjamas / nighties
- 1 x Pairs of slippers
- 1 x Dressing gown
- 1 x Warm rug/ blanket (for winter)
- 1 x Pillow & 2 x pillow cases
- 2 x fitted sheets
- 1 x Duve & 2 x Duve covers
- 2 x Towels
- 1 x Trunk and Padlocks – size 28
- 1 x Spoon, Mug, Plate & Bowl for Porridge

HOSTEL DRESS CODE

- Blue jeans x2
- School Golf shirts x2
- Dry-mac - navy
- Warm jacket — black or navy

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY MARKED, ON THE INSIDE, WITH LEARNER'S NAME AND SURNAME, PREFERABLY EMBROIDED. No writing in the outside of the clothing.

Lights out and absolute silence from **22h00**

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

We are all very proud of our Campus here at Vaal Christian School. We are constantly labouring to maintain the school buildings, the boarding facilities, the gardens and play grounds. It is a full-time job for our Maintenance Team, and they work very hard to keep up!

But at times, our Team becomes very disappointed when the Learners do not bring their side to this tough and often thankless task. Windows are broken, (sometimes by accident), doors are pulled out of their hinges, door handles broken, ceilings are destroyed, and curtains torn. Learners very seldom offer information concerning the culprit.

Management has now decided that where there is such damage, and the occupants of the room cannot or will not provide the name of the culprit, the damage will be debited equally to the accounts of all the students in that room.

Please understand that we see no other way of ensuring that these facilities are kept in good condition for use of all the Learners, and that the cost for damages is recovered. We also believe it is important that our Learners grow to accept responsibility for their place of stay and assist us in maintaining it. If you have any queries or advice, feel free to contact Administration.

DINING HALL AND MENUE

- Meal times are under supervision of the Hostel Parents
- Our aim is to create a family atmosphere whenever the learners gather to share meals
- Our menu is compiled accordingly with the nutritionally balanced meals. Our daily menu consists of
 - Breakfast
 - A break-time snack
 - Lunch
 - Dinner
 - 2 Fruits per week

CHURCH AND BIBLE STUDY

- The Word of God is our foundation and it is our main priority to maintain a healthy, Christian environment for our learners.
- Church services on Sunday are compulsory. Our own Pastor Hlabangana shares bringing the message with clergy from other denominations. There our Learners are provided with spiritual sustenance and fruit for the new week. These services are supported by the beautiful voices of our psalmody team.
- Bible study is held in the dormitories every morning and evening.
- Our Pastor is not only a preacher but a (strict) father and friend, his door always opens to any Learner.

CAMPS AND TRIPS

- We arrange trips and camps for our Learners and parents are informed on our year plan.

After hours contact number:

Pastor Hlabangana: 063 866 8854 (in emergencies only please!)

FEES SCHEDULE for 2021

REGISTRATION FEE	NEW LEARNERS	CURRENT LEARNERS
SCHOOL	500.00	000.00
HOSTEL	1 500.00	500.00

SCHOOL FEES	FEES	STATIONERY
GRADE 00 + R	R750 = R7 500/an	1 600
GRADE 1	R850 = R8 500/an	1 600
GRADE 2 – 3	R900 = R9 000/an	1 600
GRADE 4-7	R900 = R9 000/an	1 800
GRADE 8 -11	R950 = R9 500/an	TO BE ADVISED
GRADE 12	R1 200 = R12 000/an	TO BE ADVISED

HOSTEL FEES	PER TERM	TOTAL (4 TERMS)
	5 500.00	22 000.00

A DISCOUNT OF 5% APPLIES FOR ACCOUNT PAID IN FULL BY END FEBRUARY

FNB VEREENIGING: ACC# 513 000 23812 Branch: 250 655

UNIFORM		HOSTEL NEEDS	
<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>	<u>PRIMARY SCHOOL</u>		
<u>Boys:</u>	<u>Boys:</u>	Bible	Foam mattress
Blue shirt	Blue shirt	Trunk #28 + 2 padlocks	2 Fitted sheets
Grey trousers	Grey trousers	2x school t-shirts	1 Duvet + 2 duvet covers
Grey socks	Grey socks	2x blue jeans	1 Pillow +2 pillow cases
Black belt	Black belt	2 pairs pyjamas	2 Towels
Black shoes	Black belt	1 pair slippers	1 Warm rug (winter)
Tie	Navy Dry Mac	1 dressing gown	Toiletries +
School Jersey	Black shoes		medication
Navy Dry Mac			Toilet paper
<u>Girls :</u>	<u>Girls:</u>		
Grey skirt	Tunic in summer		3 School Skirts
Blue Shirt	Shirt in winter	Hostel Learners:	4 School Shirts
White Socks	Grey short socks		4 School Pants
Tie	Tie optional		
School Jersey	Navy Dry-Mac		
Navy Dry Mac			
<u>UNIFORM</u>		Snacks:	
<u>SHOPS –</u>		Only dry snacks e.g. 2Min Noodles,	
<u>VEREENIGING</u>		coffee, powder milk, sugar	
MANHATTANS		PLEASE: No fresh produce as these	
016 422 3786		attract vermin and cockroaches	
WHITE CROSS			
016 421 2735			

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

While it is the learner's right to receive an education and Vaal Christian School will strive to provide the educational opportunities, it is important that Learners acknowledge their responsibilities to themselves, their fellow Learners, their educators and the school. The code of conduct applies not only during school hours but whenever and wherever a learner may be identified as a learner of Vaal Christian School.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOUR FROM LEARNERS

1. No Chewing gum is allowed on the School premises.
2. No eating or drinking is allowed in classrooms.
3. No smoking is allowed on the School premises.
4. Drinking and/or possession of alcohol are strictly forbidden.
5. No drugs are allowed on the School premises during or after school hours
6. Learner are not allowed to leave the school premises at any time without written permission from the Principal
7. No Learner is allowed to go to the Hostel during school hours without permission from the Principal.
8. No knives or any other form of weapon are allowed on the school premises.
9. No guns (real or otherwise) are allowed on the School premises.
10. Learners are not allowed to deface or break any School property (walls, tables, chair, windows etc) Parents will be required to pay for damage, accidental or wilful, caused by their children.
11. Learners are required to keep classrooms neat at all times. Papers must be picked up before learners leave the classrooms.
12. All learners are required to help pick up papers on the School premises before entering their classrooms.
13. Learners have to line-up in front of the classroom and will only enter on permission from the Teacher. Once they have entered, they have to stand behind their chairs and wait for the Teacher to instruct them to sit down.
14. At the end of every period, Learners are required to leave the class in an orderly fashion and to move the next class as fast as possible and be seated before the second bell.
15. No learner may leave the classroom without written permission from the Teacher.
16. No learner may leave the classroom and go to another Teacher's classroom during lessons. This causes disruption of lessons.
17. Learners must be neatly dressed in the acceptable School uniforms at all times. A tie must be worn by High School boys and girls throughout the year. Only a red school jersey and a navy blue dry-mac without a logo are allowed.
18. Girls may not wear short skirts. The length of the pleated skirt must be on the knee.
19. Learners must have neat school hairstyles. No extensions or curly styles are allowed. Long hair must be tied back at all times. No hair may hang in the face. Boys may not have long hair in their necks. NO dreadlocks are allowed. No hair colour or bleaching is allowed. Short hair must be of equal length with no designer cuts. No fade-cuts will be allowed.
20. Boys may only wear black belt. Fancy buckles are not allowed.
21. No beanies or hats are allowed during summer or in classrooms during winter. Only navy-blue beanies with the School logo will be allowed during winter. Other head coverings will be confiscated.

22. Homework must be done daily, and assessment tasks and projects must be handed in on the D-Day. Learners who fail to adhere to D-day deadlines will receive a 0 mark for the assessment task or project.
23. In cases where Learners are found copying during a test or examination, the learner's answer sheet will be taken in. A report will be written about the incident. The learner will receive a new answer sheet. The learner will have to start again without any extra time given.
24. No supplementary tests will be arranged in cases where learners are absent for a formal test or examination.
25. A doctor's certificate is required if a learner is absent for a test or an exam, due to illness.
26. A learner may only be absent for 7 (seven) days during the year – in cases where learners are absent for more than 7 days without a valid reason, such a learner may be withdrawn from the exams.
27. It is compulsory for a learner to attend school at all times. This means that learners must be present from the first to the last day of every term.
28. In cases where learners are absent, parents must inform the school of the reason being absent.
29. All learners must be at school by 07:30am and may only leave when school closes at the end of the school day. No late arrivals will be accepted into class until they have seen the Principal.
30. Doctor, dentist, etc. appointments must be made after school hours.
31. Parents wishing to collect their children early will have to email a request to the Principal in good time with the reason for the request. Permission will only be granted for very special cases. The child must see the Principal for the permission.
32. NO learner will be allowed to leave early on days when the school closes or on weekends out.
33. No cellular phones will be allowed on the premises. It will be confiscated and the learners will only receive it back at the end of the academic year.
34. All male learners must have cleanly shaven faces – NO BEARDS OR MOUSTACHES will be permitted no matter how old the boy is.
35. Staff members and prefects are to be respected at all times.
36. All learners must respect the Christian values, principles and beliefs of the school. In cases where learners disrespect these values and principles, they will be asked to leave the School.
37. Learners must participate in class devotions.
38. On entering the hall for assembly, all learners must do so quietly. No talking is allowed in the hall.
39. No form of intimidation or bullying will be allowed.
40. If a learner falls pregnant during the year, the school has to be informed immediately. A detailed letter from the doctor must be handed in at the school. Every case will be dealt with individually depending on the time of year and the date of the confinement. The parents of the pregnant girl must accompany the girl to School everyday during the last two months of pregnancy.

DIFFERENT CATEGORY OFFENCES AND CONSEQUENCES

<p><u>CATEGORY – A – OFFENCES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homework not done 2. Late for class 3. Book at home 4. Littering in class or School grounds 5. Not lining up in front of class 6. Bunking class, assembly, devotion or register period 7. Absent for test or exam without valid reason 8. Learners absent for a period of two weeks without notifying the School 9. Disrespecting teachers and prefects. 	<p><u>CONSEQUENCES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learner will receive three warnings of which the Teacher will keep record. 2. After the third warning, the parents will be informed telephonically or via SMS. 3. If the offence keeps on occurring after parents were informed, 3-day suspension will be considered. 4. If a learner bunks the register period, he/she will be marked absent. 5. If a learner is absent for a test or examination without a valid doctor certificate, the learner will obtain a zero mark for the or examination and will sign acknowledgement of the zero mark. 6. Learners who are absent for more than two weeks without notification from the parents, will be taken off the system and parents will have to re-apply for the learner at VCS 7. Failure to obey reasonable instructions from Teachers or prefects will lead to 2 warnings before parents are informed.
<p><u>CATEGORY – B – OFFENCES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not wearing a tie (High School) 2. Not wearing the correct School uniform 3. Wearing jewellery that is not allowed. 4. Wearing jackets and Dry-macs that are not allowed. 5. Skirts and pants that are not of the correct length. 6. Hair styles that are not allowed. 7. Wearing the wrong belt and buckle 8. Wearing the wrong school shoes 9. Cell phone at School 	<p><u>CONSEQUENCES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learner will receive three warnings for not wearing a tie or correct school uniform. 2. Jewellery that is not allowed will be confiscated. 3. Wrong jackets and Dry-macs, learners will be instructed to remove it and it will be confiscated. 4. Skirts and pants that are not the correct length – the hem will be taken out. 5. Learners will get three days to correct wrong hair styles. 6. Wrong belts and buckles will be confiscated. 7. After three warnings, parents will be informed, if the offence continues, which may lead to 3 days suspension. 8. Learners will get permission in exceptional cases for wearing the wrong school shoes for period of three days. Thereafter this offence will lead to 3 days suspension. 9. Cell phones will be confiscated from learners and learners will only get them back at the end of the academic year.
<p>In cases where learners continue with Category A and B offences after all the necessary disciplinary measures have been taken, the Learner may be asked to leave Vaal Christian School.</p>	<p>Warnings for category A and B offences will last for one year.</p>

CATEGORY – C – OFFENCES

1. Bringing dangerous weapons to school e.g. Fire arms (real or toys), knives, scissors or any other objects that could be used as dangerous weapon.
2. Smoking on the School premises or in school uniform.
3. Bringing or using alcohol on the school premises or at school events or while wearing school uniform
4. Use of dagga or any other drugs on the school premises, at school events or while representing the school or while wearing school uniform.
5. Bullying of others
6. Vandalising school property (e.g. Breaking school property, graffiti on school property)
7. Copying in tests and examinations using crib notes, cell phones or any other means of obtaining information while writing examination
8. Theft of property
9. Sexual transgression including rape, sexual harassment, same-sex relationships

CONSEQUENCES

1. Bringing dangerous weapons to School will lead to be disciplinary hearing and depending on the weapon, could lead to immediate expulsion.
2. Using a dangerous weapon will lead to expulsion from School
3. Smoking on the School premises or in School uniform – three warnings will be given after which expulsion will follow
4. Bringing or using alcohol on the School premises – a FINAL WARNING will be given on the first offence and thereafter expulsion will follow
5. Use of dagga or drugs – FINAL WARNING will be given on the first offence. Random drug tests will be done and if tested positive after the FINAL warning, expulsion will follow. Parents will have to pay for the drug tests
6. Bullying – FINAL WARNING with three days suspension. If bullying continues, expulsion will follow.
7. Parents will be required to pay for purposeful damage caused by their children.
8. If a learner is caught copying during test or examinations, the answer sheet will be taken in and signed by the Teacher and Learner. A new answer sheet will be given and the learner will have to start afresh with no extra time given.
9. Cell phones found with learners in the examination room will also lead to the learner's answer book being taken in and the learner will have to start afresh with no extra time given. The cell phone will be confiscated and kept until the end of the academic year.
10. Theft will lead to a hearing, A FINAL WARNING will be given and if the offence is repeated, expulsion will follow.
11. Sexual transgression will lead to a disciplinary hearing with possible expulsion from School.

FINAL WARNINGS FOR CATEGORY “C” OFFENCES WILL REMAIN ON THE LEARNER’S FILE FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF SCHOOLING AT VAAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL.