



TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT



ST BENEDICT'S

The Terms and Conditions of Enrolment at St Benedict's are written to be straightforward and easy to understand. In the unlikely event that you have any questions about these Terms & Conditions you can contact the school or address your concerns regarding this document directly to the Executive Headmaster at head@stbenedicts.co.za

Your attention is drawn to the following policies, procedures and practices that are in place at St Benedict's which may impact on your decision to enter into a contract with St Benedict's.

1. St Benedict's is a Catholic School where Christian formation is a fundamental purpose. Boys enrolled at the school will be required to attend and participate fully in Religious Education classes and in the various religious services, retreats and activities as may be held from time to time.
2. Boys are expected to participate fully in all curricular, extra-curricular and related activities of St Benedict's. Whilst full sporting participation is encouraged at the Junior Preparatory and Preparatory levels; in Grades 8 to 12, it is compulsory for boys to participate in both a winter and summer sport or alternate activity.
3. There are a number of school activities - outside normal school hours - which the school deems compulsory. At College level, this includes compulsory attendance at winter fixtures played against other all-boys schools at home. Parents are requested to support the school's mission by ensuring that boys attend as required. A list of compulsory events will be published at the start of each year.
4. St Benedict's is currently in the process of phasing in isiZulu as an alternative to Afrikaans as a First Additional Language and Preparatory boys are given the option to make a choice between isiZulu and Afrikaans at the end of Grade 4.

Currently, boys entering the College at Grade 8 level are permitted to choose isiZulu as an alternative to Afrikaans as their First Additional Language if they have taken isiZulu as a First Additional Language at Grade 7 in their Preparatory School or if isiZulu is their home language.

5. At the end of Grade 9, when boys select their matriculation subjects, the following guidelines apply:
 - 5.1. Boys who would like to take Accounting and Information Technology are required to pass Mathematics and English in Grade 9 with a minimum of a 60% average.
 - 5.2. Boys who achieve below 40% for Mathematics in the final Grade 9 examinations, will be required to do Mathematical Literacy in Grade 10 in order to be promoted.
 - 5.3. Boys who achieve below 55% for Mathematics in the final Grade 9 examinations, will not be permitted to select Physical Science.
 - 5.4. Boys granted official immigrant status will be exempt from a First Additional Language (Afrikaans or isiZulu) but will be required to take an additional subject. .
 - 5.5. Participation in Advanced Programme Mathematics and Advanced Programme English is by invitation only.
6. When, in the opinion of the school, attendance at support lessons is required to improve a boy's academic performance, such attendance may be made compulsory.
7. When examinations and tests are written, boys will be granted permission to be absent only for the gravest of reasons and not for holidays or overseas trips.

8. Boys are required to sign an Acceptable User Policy before they may have access to the school's computer centres and network.
9. Whilst the School has Group Personal Accident Cover in place covering accident benefits which include Death, Permanent and Temporary Disablement and Medical Expenses, such cover is limited.
 - 9.1. Parents who require additional insurance cover should arrange for that cover themselves.
 - 9.2. Parents will be required to reimburse St Benedict's for any medical costs which may arise for medical treatment which is not covered by the Group Personal Accident Cover.
10. Parents will be required to reimburse St Benedict's for any wilful damage to St Benedict's property that is caused by their son/ward.
11. In order to ensure a drug and steroid free environment, St Benedict's does not tolerate the use of steroids, drugs and/or substances prohibited by law. Upon enrolment, parents are deemed to have consented to their son/ward undergoing appropriate medical tests if in the opinion of the relevant Headmaster, such tests are indicated as being necessary to confirm or disprove the use of steroids, drugs or other substances prohibited by law. In the event of a boy testing positive in any way in respect of the abovementioned tests, he will be obliged to leave St Benedict's immediately.