



# BRIDGE HOUSE

PRE-PRIMARY · PREPARATORY · COLLEGE



## Mission Statement

Bridge House is a sustainable South African learning community. In a changing world, we deliver a globally relevant education which realises each individual's potential to lead, innovate and serve with confidence.



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*Just Imagine*



# BRIDGE HOUSE SCHOOL

- **The School**

Bridge House School is an independent, non-profit, co-educational, English-medium, day and boarding school for students from Playschool (2 years) to Grade 12. Boarding is available from Grade 6 to 12.

- **History**

The school was established in 1995 by three founding families (Huxter, Friedman and Rands) and celebrated its 28th year in 2022. In 1995, Graham Beck, owner of the neighbouring farm Bellingham, generously agreed to donate 10 hectares of an undeveloped corner of his farm and in mid-1998, the school moved from its original rented buildings to this spacious new campus. Before he passed away, Graham Beck donated an additional 18 hectares of land and Bridge House is now situated on 28 hectares in one of the most beautiful valleys in the world, with world-class facilities which have developed over time.

- **Ethos**

The school's values are based on: integrity, love and compassion, health and vitality, positivity (a can do attitude) and learning for life. The Seven Bridges of: Academics, Belonging, Sustainability, Future Fit, Wider Curriculum, Culture and Creativity and Sport and Lifestyle are Bridge House's strategic imperatives. As a member of the International Round Square Organisation, the school is guided by the IDEALS (Internationalism, Democracy, Environment, Adventure, Leadership and Service). Bridge House is a multi-faith school.

- **School Community**

Enrolments:	825
Total Teaching Faculty:	110
Prep School:	2 streams per Grade (+/-50 per Grade)
College:	3 streams per Grade (+/- 75 per Grade)

## Accreditation

Bridge House is a member of the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa (ISASA) and has been accredited by UMALUSI, the South African Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training. The school's examinations are administered by the IEB - [www.ieb.co.za](http://www.ieb.co.za)

## Round Square

Bridge House is a member of  
the International  
Round Square Organisation  
[www.roundsquare.org](http://www.roundsquare.org)





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- **Academics**

By keeping at the forefront of global educational developments, Bridge House offers a broad, innovative and modern curriculum aimed at developing highly-motivated, balanced and competent young people, well prepared to deal with the challenges facing them when they leave school. Non-curriculum based elective courses which promote enquiring minds and an enthusiasm to extend knowledge and be exposed to many skills, are offered in the junior grades in the College. Bridge House places a premium on the pursuit of excellence by every student.

The Pre-Primary follows a structured curriculum, which is in accordance with best practice for Early Childhood Development. The emphasis is on learning through play in our holistic, thematic approach to the curriculum. Within this, carefully structured activities, including art, music, dance and fantasy play, promote language and perceptual development, social interaction and gross and fine motor skills,

In the Junior Primary, the keystone of our caring and nurturing classroom environment is our belief that each child is a special individual with his or her own individual strengths, weaknesses and learning style.

The ethos of Learning for Life and 'Can Do' continues throughout the Senior Primary phase. In addition there is a deliberate, yet progressive increase in nurturing independence, personal responsibility and resilience in our children. Our emphasis is on the application of skills taught, with a timetable that allows time and space for such focus and collaboration, and a conscious integration across subject areas. Spacious verandahs extend classroom space throughout the Prep School, and our comfortable, practical uniform adds to the happy and cheerful atmosphere.

In all Grades there are small classes with well-qualified, highly-motivated and dedicated teaching staff who give care and attention to each child while encouraging a rigorous approach to academics.

## Independent Examinations Board (IEB)

Bridge House examinations are administered by the IEB ([www.ieb.co.za](http://www.ieb.co.za)), who have a reputation for developing assessment instruments that require a critical response from students, and hence demand critical engagement with the learning material.

## Matric Results

Bridge House Matrics have achieved a 100% pass rate to date in the IEB examinations.





- **Subject Choices Grade 10 to 12**

Students entering the FET phase (Grade 10 to 12) will be sent a subject choice form on which to indicate their choice of subjects.

All students must do four compulsory subjects: English Home Language; Afrikaans or isiXhosa, (French, German or CAT for immigrants); Mathematics or Mathematical Literacy; and Life Orientation.

Students select three elective subjects which are grouped into different time bands.

Elective subjects include the following:

Physical Science; Life Science (Biology); Geography; History; German; French; Business Studies; Economics; Accounting; Visual Art; Design; Dramatic Art; Music; Information Technology; and Computer Applications Technology (CAT).

Extra Subjects (optional):

- Further Studies Mathematics
- Further Studies English

For further information about the breakdown of the elective subjects in each time band and the choices available for Grades 10, 11 and 12, please email Gill Malcolm [gilmal@bridgehouse.org.za](mailto:gilmal@bridgehouse.org.za)

## Technology

- Grades 4 – 7 follow a 1:1 iPad programme
- Grades 8 – 12 require a laptop (specifications will be sent to new students on enrolment)
- Robotics and coding are incorporated into the curriculum from Pre-Primary to Grade 9.
- IT (programming) and Computer Applications Technology are offered as subjects from Grade 10 to 12.
- Disruptive Technologies – an Innovation Hub for the advancement of 'disruptive technologies' including Robotics, Coding, First Lego League, etc. is an exciting and innovative space within our Learning Commons.

## Alumni

Bridge House alumni have been accepted into universities around the world, including the United Kingdom, Australia, Europe and the USA.



- **Sport, Culture and Extracurricular**

## **Sport:**

Participation in the sports programme is compulsory and students must choose one winter and one summer sport. Up to Grade 9, physical education classes take place within the school day. Sports practices and matches take place in the afternoons during the week and in some instances on Saturdays. Sports on offer include: soccer (boys), hockey (boys and girls), netball (girls), tennis (boys and girls), cricket (boys), swimming (boys and girls), water polo (SP & College boys and girls), mountain biking, cross country and fitness and conditioning. Other options such as horseriding, golf, ballet and karate (in the Prep school) are available privately as extra options.

## **Culture:**

Creative Arts (Visual Art, Music, Dramatic Art, Dance (College only) and Design (College only) are studied by all students in the junior grades and are options in the higher grades. Performance opportunities for showcasing music and drama are provided in weekly school assemblies. Large scale dramatic and musical productions take place annually and all students are offered the opportunity of participating. Tuition in a wide range of musical instruments is offered both extramurally and as a subject within the curriculum in the FET phase. To apply for music tuition and to find out more, please email Adele Bate [adebat@bridgehouse.org.za](mailto:adebat@bridgehouse.org.za)

## **Clubs:**

Various club activities take place in the Junior and Senior Primary within the school day. Grades 8 and 9 have a variety of elective classes to choose from. These change from term to term.

## **Student Demographics**

- At least 41 different nationalities are represented in the Bridge House student body.
- Bridge House graduates are fluent in one other language besides English.



- **Extracurricular:**

## **Round Square**

Membership of the International Round square Organisation, an internationally diverse network of 230 like-minded schools in 50 countries on 6 continents, offers connections and collaboration with positive, active and engaged global citizens in world-class programmes and experiences. Local and international conference and student exchange opportunities are available.

## **Camps and Outings**

All students take part in camps and outings which provide practical, experiential learning opportunities for students to stretch and push themselves beyond their own perceived abilities and the expectations of others.

## **Community Partnerships and Service Opportunities:**

A key feature in the school is the engagement in local and wider communities through voluntary service activities. Service is one of the Round Square pillars.

## **The President's Award (College) and Learning for Life Leadership Programme (Prep):**

College students take part in the internationally recognised President's Award (Duke of Edinburgh Award) at bronze, silver and gold levels. This involves commitment to service, sports and skills development as well as taking part in an adventurous journey. To stand for election on the College SLC and to go on exchange, students must have achieved the Bronze Level of the President's Award. In the Prep School, pupils participate in the Learning for Life Leadership programme which allows Grade 6 and 7 students to exercise initiative and develop their own leadership skills, both in the school context and beyond.

## **Student Leadership**

- Within a framework of a democratic system, all students are encouraged to become courageous and compassionate leaders.
- In the College, the Student Leadership Council Executive and House Captains are elected by the student body.



- **Boarding**

Bridge House provides the ideal, caring environment for its boarders enabling them to experience the school's academic, cultural and sports programme to its fullest.

With spectacular views of the surrounding mountains, girls and boys from Grade 6 to 12 are housed in modern, family-style boarding houses. Junior Boarders reside in Huguenot House (boys) and Erica House (girls) and Senior Boarders reside in Bellegam House (boys) and Waterfall House (girls).

Whilst boarders are encouraged to show initiative and take personal responsibility for their studying and recreation, an organised homework programme is supervised by resident staff. Each boarding house also has a matron who looks after the domestic needs of the boarders. The boarding staff are supported by the School Nurse who takes care of those ailments that need not be referred to a doctor.

With timely warning, transport for boarders going home to Cape Town over the weekends is organised and transport to and from the airport at the beginning and end of each term is available.

Whilst some boarders choose to return home for the weekends, many of them stay in and, apart from one out weekend each term, they are encouraged to do so. Regular outings are organised.

Boarders' meals are catered for by the Feedem Group who also offer meals for special dietary requirements.

## Boarding demographics

- Boarders come from a wide range of countries including: Namibia, Angola, Brazil, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Belgium, Tunisia, Norway, Botswana, Madagascar, Tanzania, Mauritius, Gabon and Germany. An increasing number of students from other countries in Europe, such as France, Austria and Italy, are coming to Bridge House for short term stays.
- Boarders within South Africa come from other provinces as well as from Cape Town and the surrounding farming areas.

### Short term boarders:

Bridge House accepts boarders for short term (6 months or 1 year) study periods. Every year, Bridge House welcomes a large number of short term students from Europe.



- Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct for students can be found on the website [www.bridgehouse.org.za](http://www.bridgehouse.org.za) under 'School Policies' and is based on, and reflective of, the School's Values and Mission Statement.

The Code of Conduct is intended:

- To create an atmosphere of mutual respect and tolerance.
- To assist students in building strength of character and a meaningful value system.
- To encourage independent thought, to make informed decisions and to accept responsibility for, and the consequences of, these decisions.
- To have a disciplinary approach that encourages self-discipline. The purpose of discipline is to change behaviour, appropriately and positively.
- To generate a happy and supportive environment that promotes the desire to be an integral part of Bridge House.
- To encourage students to develop pride in themselves and in their school.

To create an environment in which the learning and schooling experience of students is not compromised by the negative behaviour of their peers.

## Inclusivity

- As a member of the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa (ISASA), Bridge House School is committed to playing its role in building a democratic, non-discriminatory South Africa and a diverse and equitable school and community.
- The Bridge House Inclusivity Statement can be accessed on the website [www.bridgehouse.org.za](http://www.bridgehouse.org.za) under 'Policies'.



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- **School Term Dates**

Bridge House is a four-term school. The term dates are available on the website [www.bridgehouse.org.za](http://www.bridgehouse.org.za) under 'About/Calendars'.

- **Lunch and Tuckshops**

All the boarders' meals are served in one of the two dining rooms. Day students may book a sit down hot lunch. A form with the details and to make a booking can be requested from Lezelda Truter [leztru@bridgehouse.org.za](mailto:leztru@bridgehouse.org.za). There is a coffee shop, for parents and senior students, and two tuckshops where light meals can be purchased.

- **Transport**

The Bridge House School bus provides a morning service from Stellenbosch and Pniel. JDJ Davids Transport, managed by Edward Arendse, has two routes and provides transport from Franschhoek through La Motte to school. They also transport directly from Boschenmeer, Val de Vie and the Pearl Valley Estates. Stubbs Tours, managed by Winston Stubbs, provides transport from Wellington through Paarl along the R45 to the school. For further information and to book transport, please email Lezelda Truter [leztru@bridgehouse.org.za](mailto:leztru@bridgehouse.org.za)

- **Application Forms**

Application forms are available on the website [www.bridgehouse.org.za](http://www.bridgehouse.org.za) under 'Admissions/Applications' or from Steph Bouwer on [stebou@bridgehouse.org.za](mailto:stebou@bridgehouse.org.za).

You are invited to visit the school for a bespoke tour and meeting with the Head, or you may book an online interview.

- Contact Steph Bouwer on [stebou@bridgehouse.org.za](mailto:stebou@bridgehouse.org.za) or +27(0) 21 874 8100 for further information and to make an appointment.



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- Fee Information – Capital Development Levy

A Capital Development Levy is payable by all pupils entering Grade 1 to Grade 12. The funds generated from this levy will be used by the school for the purchasing of capex items to enhance your child's learning experience and to ensure modern, safe and exciting spaces in classrooms and around the campus.

You may choose to make this contribution as a once-off payment or opt to pay over three years, annually, termly or monthly.

Whichever option is chosen, it will be invoiced accordingly to your account and will be payable as per the normal tuition fee payment options.

	<u>Grade 1 to 10</u>	<u>Grade 11</u>	<u>Grade 12</u>
Once off payment	R 21 500	R 13 000	
Annual	R 7 500	R 6 800	R 6 000
Termly	R 2 000	R 2 000	R 2 000
Monthly	R 750	R 750	R 750

Capital Development Levy payments are tax deductible

As a registered PBO, the school will issue Section 18A donation certificates for the non-refundable Capital Development Levy payments made to the fund.

These certificates will be issued on the anniversary date of your child entering the school, in accordance with prevailing tax laws, in order for you to claim a tax rebate.



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## • Fee schedule 2025

	ANNUAL	TERMLY	MONTHLY
Playschool (2, 3 & 4yrs)	R59,850	R15,525	R5,850
Pre-Prim (Gr 00 & Gr 0)	R68,000	R17,615	R6,660
Grades 1 – 2	R97,300	R25,245	R9,500
Grade 3	R116,200	R30,100	R11,340
Grades 4 – 5	R119,680	R31,050	R11,690
Grades 6 – 7	R122,200	R31,700	R11,945
Grades 8 – 9	R159,970	R41,475	R15,660
Grade 10 – 11	R164,260	R42,635	R16,070
Grade 12	R164,330	R56,845	R19,640
Boarding (Grades 6 – 11)	R140,100	R36,400	R15,480
Boarding (Grade 12)	R140,100	R48,510	R18,990

### SIBLING REBATES

2nd child: 2.5%,

3rd child or more: 5% per sibling (on tuition fees only)

### SHORT-TERM BOARDING FOR BRIDGE HOUSE DAY SCHOLARS

– weekly options are available, subject to space being available in the boarding house.

Minimum of three nights R 2 480 (weekday nights only)

Weekly rate of five nights R 4 310 (Sunday to Thursday)

Full week rate of seven nights R 6 030

### ENROLLMENT FEES

The following fees are payable and are not refundable:

Application Fee (paid with application) R 500 per family

Placement Fee (paid on acceptance of a place) Playschool to Gr 0 is R4 000 per child  
Gr 1 – Gr 12 is R8 000 per child

### Late Payment Notice:

**Notice period:**  
One term's written notice is required when withdrawing a pupil from the school and/or from the boarding house.

The school reserves the right for a late payment charge to be levied at the prime rate on all accounts not settled by the due date. Annual fees not paid in full by 31st January 2025, termly fees not paid in full by the end of the first week of each term, and monthly fees not paid by the 1st or 15th day of each month will be regarded as overdue.



- Fee information continued

**Tuition Fees include the following:**

- Normal academic, sport, extra-mural and aftercare programmes
- Transport and entry fees on class or Grade outings (not camps)
- Visiting speakers and performing groups
- Standardised Grade assessments
- Medical Rescue Scheme

**Annual Grade Levy:**

This levy will cover all costs for camps, some printed educational notes, PA fund, school magazine, educational programmes specific to a Grade and Matric exam fees (paid over three years.) These levies are a contribution to the group expense and it is not possible to refund fully should an individual child miss an event paid for in the levy. Please see the school webpage [www.bridgehouse.org.za](http://www.bridgehouse.org.za) under 'Admissions' for the details of the amounts included in each Grade levy.

**Monthly Statements**

The following extra charges, but not limited to, will be charged to your school statement as and when they occur. These are payable upon receipt of your school fee statement.

- Text books, e-books and workbooks from certain suppliers.
- Individual music tuition fees, payable monthly at advertised rates. Musical instrument hire.
- Purchases through the school, such as additional printing credits or IT related programmes.
- Remedial and educational support fees. Special accommodation fees, readers, scribes etc.
- Fees for any private coaching or other special courses are payable termly or as advertised.
- Bridge House bus transport fees payable termly in advance.
- Day student Dining Hall lunch fees payable termly in advance.
- Boarding charges such as transport, laundry, medication and other small ancillary costs applicable to boarding students.

Although the Board of Directors will always endeavour not to increase tuition fees during a school year, it reserves the right to do so if circumstances require it.

A reasonable increase in fees can be expected each year to provide for inflation and other costs beyond our control.

The Bridge House Accounts Department will gladly help you with questions about fee payments.

Please email Lezelda Truter  
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