



SUNBIRD
ACADEMY

PROSPECTUS

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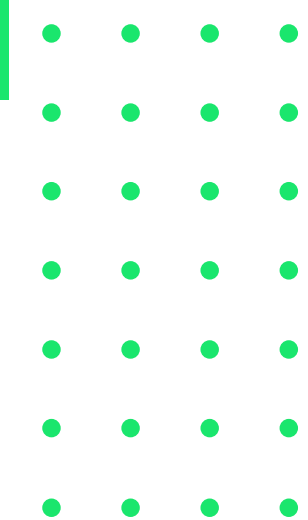




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Welcome Dear Prospective Parents

A warm welcome to Sunbird Academy, a nurturing and inclusive learning space where education is reimagined to meet the individual needs of every child. At Sunbird, our students are more than just learners—they're part of a family where their growth, confidence, and well-being matter deeply.

Our academy is proud to offer a flexible and innovative educational approach designed especially for children who may not thrive in conventional schooling environments. We support a wide range of learners, including neurodivergent children and those facing academic or social challenges in mainstream settings.

Founded by a dedicated homeschooling parent and supported by a passionate team of educators and child development specialists, Sunbird Academy blends structure with warmth, academic excellence with creativity, and care with professionalism. We cater for learners from pre-primary through to high school equivalency (GED), offering individualised learning plans, small class sizes, and a variety of curriculum options including CAPS, British International, and GED.

Every child in our care is supported in discovering their own strengths and learning journey. From sensory-sensitive classrooms and Montessori-inspired early education to structured education and enrichment activities, we provide the tools and guidance needed to help each student thrive—academically, socially, and emotionally.

Our school culture celebrates diversity, prioritises mental wellness, and encourages every student to be curious, capable, and confident. Sunbird Academy is more than just a place of learning; it's a safe space for children to grow into their fullest potential at their own pace, surrounded by a team that truly cares.

We invite you to visit us and experience the warmth, support, and inspiration that define Sunbird Academy. We would be delighted to meet with you to discuss your child's needs, your hopes for their future, and how we can support your family's educational journey.

Empowering Minds. Inspiring New Beginnings.





Our Mission and Vision

At Sunbird Academy, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to navigate their own educational journey with confidence, dignity, and joy. Our mission is to empower students to discover their unique strengths and to thrive—academically, emotionally, and socially—in an inclusive, nurturing environment.

Sunbird celebrates individuality. We give children the freedom to learn at their own pace, to express themselves without fear, and to feel seen and valued just as they are. At the same time, we foster a strong sense of community, encouraging our learners to support one another, build meaningful connections, and develop the life skills needed to work together as compassionate, capable individuals.

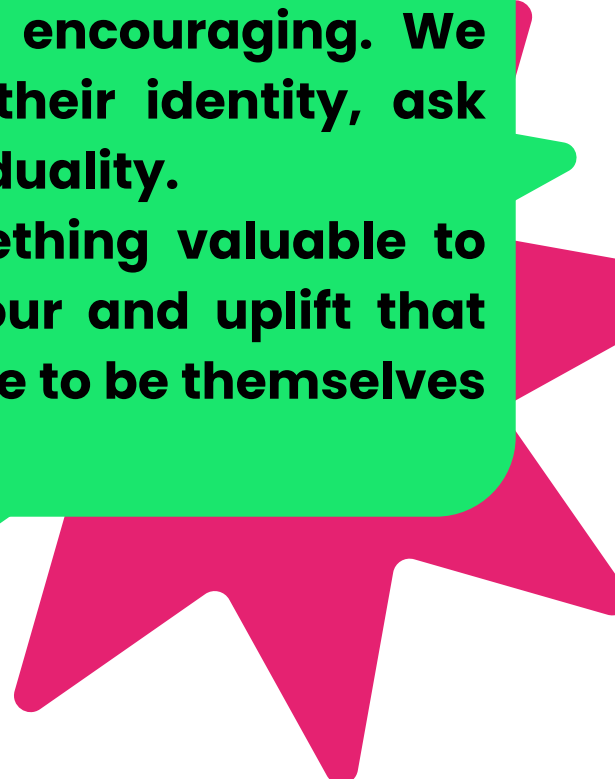
We are proud to create a space where neurodiversity is welcomed, learning differences are respected, and progress is measured not by rigid benchmarks—but by personal growth, resilience, and self-belief. At Sunbird, we don't just educate minds—we nurture whole human beings, preparing them for a world where their voice matters and their presence makes a difference.

Our Ethos

At Sunbird Academy, our small size is our strength. Every learner is known, seen, and supported—not just academically, but personally. When a child's name comes up in conversation, our team doesn't need to check a file—we know who they are, how they learn, what makes them smile, and what kind of day they've had.

We provide a safe and nurturing space where learners can grow at their own pace, without pressure to conform or compete. Our classrooms are calm and respectful. Our educators are invested, intuitive, and encouraging. We create space for learners to explore their identity, ask questions, and feel secure in their individuality.

We believe that every child has something valuable to offer—and that education should honour and uplift that uniqueness. At Sunbird, students are free to be themselves and proud of who they're becoming.





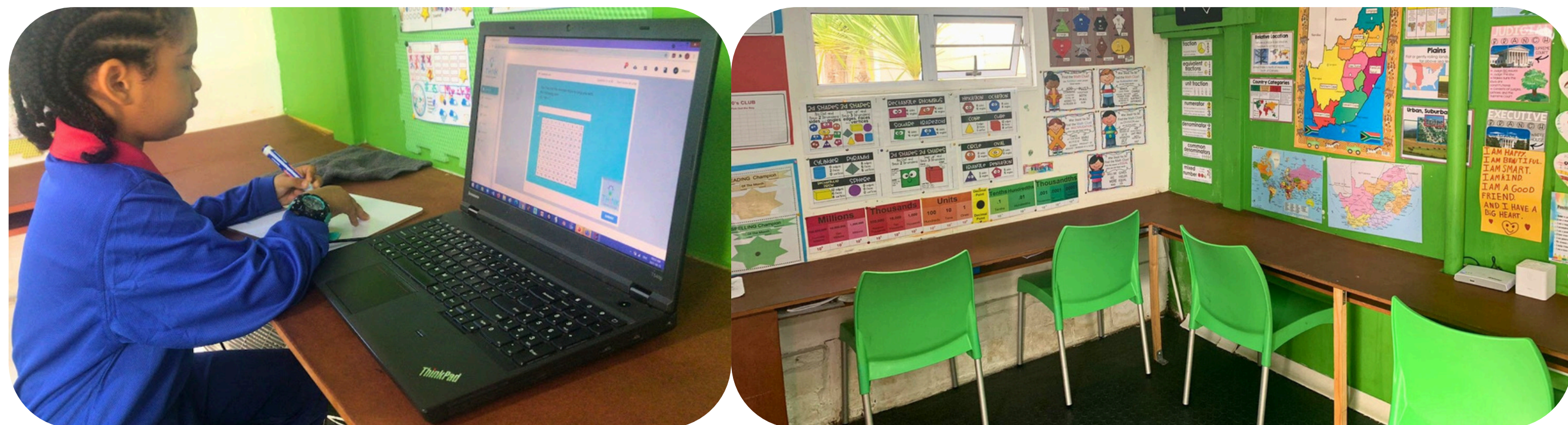
Academic Objective

At Sunbird Academy, our aim is to provide a high-quality, flexible education within a calm, nurturing, and inclusive environment. We understand that not all children learn the same way—or at the same pace—and we honour that through personalised support, small group instruction, and curriculum options that meet each child where they are.

We are proud of our holistic approach to learning. It is both structured and compassionate, blending strong academic guidance with the emotional support learners need to feel confident and motivated. We believe that every student has potential, and we create the space, encouragement, and strategies they need to realise it.

Our classrooms are joyful and low-pressure, fostering independence, curiosity, and self-expression. While we support students in reaching academic milestones, we place equal value on the journey: building a love for learning, nurturing self-belief, and helping children rediscover the joy of achievement in their own time.

Whether your child is preparing for a GED qualification, catching up on key subject areas, or starting their very first letters and numbers in our Montessori-inspired programme, Sunbird Academy is committed to helping every learner thrive.





Academic Support & Development

Our dedicated team works closely with each student to strengthen foundational skills and boost confidence in areas where they may be struggling. Learners who require additional support receive one-on-one or small-group sessions that focus on their specific learning goals—whether it's reading fluency, numeracy, language development, or executive functioning.

We partner closely with families, and our e and support staff are trained to identify barriers to learning early, offering the interventions and strategies needed to ensure success. In our neurodiverse-friendly environment, academic support is never a stigma—it's a tool for empowerment.



Educational Approach

We use a blend of education methods tailored to the needs of each child, incorporating both direct instruction and student-led learning in a way that supports neurodivergent learners and varied learning styles.

Education-Centred Instruction

Used to build strong foundations in core subjects such as literacy, numeracy, and general knowledge. Our use clear, guided methods to explain key concepts and ensure understanding before moving forward.

Student-Centred Learning

We place a strong emphasis on creativity, curiosity, and collaboration through:

- **Inquiry-Based Learning** – Encouraging students to ask questions and explore topics in depth
- **Project Work** – Hands-on learning that brings concepts to life
- **Co-operative & Group Learning** – Small group sessions to promote communication and teamwork
- **Individualised Lessons** – One-on-one or small group interventions based on unique learning goals

Our flexible approach helps students develop not only academically, but socially and emotionally, laying the foundation for well-rounded future success.



Fostering Independence & Self-Discipline

Our role as educators extends beyond academics. At Sunbird Academy, we are committed to developing self-discipline, self-awareness, and independent learning in every student.

We encourage learners to take ownership of their progress by setting personal goals, managing their routines, and participating in decisions about their learning path. This approach helps cultivate a sense of accountability, pride, and self-motivation that serves them long after they leave the classroom.

Our aim is to prepare children not just for exams, but for life.





What We Offer

At Sunbird Academy, we are committed to providing a comprehensive, student-centred educational experience that meets the unique needs of every learner. Our offerings are designed to nurture academic growth, emotional well-being, and a lifelong love for learning—whether your child is in pre-primary, primary, or working toward high school equivalency.

Individualised Learning Plans

Every child is unique—and so is their learning journey. Our individualised plans are tailored to each student's strengths, challenges, and goals. This approach allows us to offer meaningful, measurable progress through targeted support that adapts over time.

Subject Education (Grade R and Up)

We offer expert education across all core subjects, supporting learners from Grade 1 and beyond. Whether your child needs to catch up, stay on track, or extend their learning, our educators focus on building both knowledge and confidence through engaging, age-appropriate instruction.

GED Preparation & Support

Sunbird Academy offers comprehensive support for students pursuing their GED—a globally recognised high school equivalency qualification. From foundational subjects to exam strategies, our team guides learners through every step of the process with encouragement and care.

Flexible Curriculum Options

We offer a variety of curriculum pathways to suit your child's learning style and long-term goals, including:

- CAPS (South African National Curriculum)
- British International Curriculum
- GED (General Education Development)
- Neurome
- Think digital
- Cambrilearn
- Pass GED



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Neurodiverse - Friendly Environment

Sunbird Academy proudly welcomes children with ADHD, PDA, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Dyslexia, and other learning challenges. Our calm, structured environment is designed to reduce overwhelm and build trust. Staff are trained to offer inclusive support with empathy and respect, allowing each learner to feel safe and empowered.

Aftercare Programme

Available from 2:00 P.M. to 5:30 PM, our aftercare programme offers a continuation of the day's supportive atmosphere with:

- Guided homework sessions
- Engaging enrichment activities
- Delicious home-cooked meals



Beyond the Classroom

At Sunbird Academy, learning doesn't end when the books close. We believe in educating the whole child—mind, heart, and soul—by offering experiences that develop creativity, life skills, and social confidence outside the traditional classroom setting.

Fun Day Fridays

Every week, students participate in themed activities designed to spark joy and connection. From arts and crafts to cooking sessions, group games, and even beach outings, these Fridays are all about creative expression and shared memories.

Holiday Clubs

During school holidays, Sunbird offers fun-filled, exploratory programmes that keep young minds engaged. Holiday Clubs blend play, learning, and discovery through hands-on experiences that children genuinely look forward to.

Field Trips & Enrichment Activities

We take learning into the real world with curated outings that connect classroom knowledge to life beyond the academy. Whether it's nature-based excursions, science museums, or community visits, these activities help students grow in confidence, perspective, and independence.

Why Choose Sunbird Academy?

Choosing the right learning environment for your child is one of the most important decisions you'll ever make. At Sunbird Academy, we offer more than just academic support—we offer a place where children are seen, heard, and celebrated for who they are.

We are proud to offer:

- Individualised Learning Support
- Neurodiverse-Inclusive Environment
- Experienced, Compassionate Educators
- Flexible Curriculum Options
- A Safe, Nurturing Environment

Meet the Team



Lisa Allen – Founder
& Head educators.

Lisa is a passionate homeschooling mother with years of hands-on experience. Her deep empathy and creative approach to education laid the foundation for Sunbird Academy's personalised, student-first model.



Melissa Martin – Head of
Academics & Learner Support

With a strong background in learner support and academic development, Melissa plays a key role in helping students reach their goals. Her work ensures that every child receives the structure, encouragement, and expertise they need to succeed.



More of our team



**Natasja Swartz -
Educator**

Natasja brings patience, creativity, and dedication to every lesson she facilitates. Her gentle approach helps learners feel confident to explore and express themselves freely. With a passion for guiding young minds, Natasja creates a nurturing space where curiosity and growth flourish each day.



**Oppah katerere -
Assistant**

Oppah's kind and caring nature makes her a cornerstone of support in the classroom. Always ready with a helping hand and a warm smile, she ensures that each child feels safe, valued, and understood. Her dependable presence helps maintain the calm, joyful environment that defines Sunbird Academy.



**Monica Emoni -
Educator**

Monica's enthusiasm for education shines through in everything she does. She believes that every child has unique strengths waiting to be discovered and nurtured. Through patience, encouragement, and a touch of creativity, Monica inspires her students to embrace learning with confidence and joy.



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