



# KNYSNA HIGH SCHOOL

## PROSPECTUS

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## 1. LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The staff and learners of Knysna High wish to extend a warm welcome to you and your child(ren) and hope you enjoy a happy association with the school.

Knysna High, situated in one of the most beautiful parts of our country, offers a home for both English and Afrikaans-speaking learners. In grade 8 and grade 9 learners are separated into English and Afrikaans classes. However, in grades 10-12, learners of both languages are combined, and lessons are presented in both English and Afrikaans.

We strive to provide an encompassing, balanced education programme which gives every learner the opportunity to develop his/her abilities to the fullest. A wide range of subjects, a large selection of sporting and cultural activities, provide for the mental, physical and spiritual development of our children. The school is fortunate to have fully-qualified teachers whose learners achieve excellent results. We also have more than sufficient facilities to make provision for our extended extra-mural programme.

We believe in the maintenance of discipline and the development of a healthy lifestyle. Emphasis is placed on the behaviour of learners both inside and outside the school environment. The behaviour which we expect from each child is summarised in the code of conduct, and after a learner has enrolled, he/she is expected to know and obey the code of conduct.

As Knysna High is used to accommodating learners from other schools and provinces, we have found that learners soon feel welcome and form part of the school. Learners who identify with the traditions, ideals and expectations of the school, are more than welcome to share in our happy school environment.

As parents you are cordially invited to become part of our school by joining in with the activities of the parents under the leadership of the Governing Body.

You can contact the school for more information. You are welcome to make an appointment with the principal. We would like to meet you.

Yours faithfully

IJM LOURENS  
PRINCIPAL

## **2. VISION, MISSION AND VALUES**

**VISION:** To educate and shape our learners to be the future leaders of South Africa.

**MISSION:** To cherish and lead every student; to give him/her the opportunity to fulfil his/her potential in a professional and safe environment that he/she is proud of. To value diversity and to contribute to the development of a well-balanced individual who has confidence, a vision of the future and a belief in himself/herself and the world around him/her.

**VALUES:**

- 1. Respect**
- 2. Integrity**
- 3. Pride**
- 4. Trust**
- 5. Loyalty**
- 6. Care**

## **3. HISTORY**

The history of Knysna High goes back to the last century when it was known as the Knysna Public School and functioned only as a junior school. The old school building (on the present site) came into use on 16 October 1916 and on 1 January 1929 obtained the status of a high school. The official opening of Knysna High took place on 28 January 1929. Numerous extensions have subsequently taken place and the present building that was erected around the original building, was occupied at the end of 1968.

At present, the school consists of a modern building with all the essential rooms. These include well-equipped laboratories; a Consumer Studies classroom, a school hall and two computer rooms.

Originally tuition was in English. From 1936 Afrikaans was gradually introduced as an alternative language of tuition, and only in the early 1940`s did Knysna High become a dual-medium school.

The colourful history of the school can be traced from the days when it provided education mainly to the English-speaking village children. Later, with the addition of the hostels, provision was made for children from the farming community and the forestry sector. Today it fulfils the task of a typical town school in a rapidly developing area.

## 4. ENROLMENT

- 4.1 The school is essentially Christian in character and parents must be fully aware of the implications of this fact.
- 4.2 All tuition in this school takes place through the medium of English and Afrikaans.
- 4.3 Proof of age must be handed in upon admission. Learners will only be allowed into a certain grade if their age upon the date of admission does not differ from the normally acceptable age for that grade by more than two years.

### **The normal acceptable age for each grade is:**

Grade 8	:	14 years
Grade 9	:	15 years
Grade 10	:	16 years
Grade 11	:	17 years
Grade 12	:	18 years

- 4.4 Proof of a previous school record, a portfolio for each of the learner`s subjects and a certificate of transfer must be provided, as well as the reason for transfer. Failure, on the part of the parent to disclose any relevant information in this regard, shall give the governing body the right to reverse its decision to admit a learner. In addition, the principal, in consultation with the governing body, may require any learner to pass an entrance examination before admission to the school is granted.
- 4.5 Admissions must be in accordance with the subject choice as set out in the prospectus of the school.
- 4.6 Learners will only be admitted to the school if the principal, in council with the governing body, is convinced that such a learner will benefit from admission to Knysna High.
- 4.7 A learner may only be admitted to a certain grade or class if the number of learners in the grade/subject does not exceed their prescribed or desirable number, and if this can take place within reasonable, available physical facilities.
- 4.8 Parents and learners must acquaint themselves with the culture, traditions, customs, conventions and ethical values of Knysna High and respect these.
- 4.9 Only public holidays stipulated by law will be recognized. Admission will take place on the grounds that a learner may not be absent on any other day, unless the reasons offered are accepted by the Governing body as valid reasons.
- 4.10 **Learners will only be considered for admission after the parents have signed an undertaking:**

- i) That they will accept the code of conduct and admissions policy of the school and see that their children adhere to them.
- ii) To pay school fees on a monthly/quarterly/annual basis in advance unless a different arrangement has been made with the principal and approved by the Governing Body.

#### 4.11 **Hostel**

- i) Only learners of Knysna High and Knysna Primary will be admitted to the school hostel.

#### 4.12 **General**

Parents are responsible for buying text books and stationery as specified by the school annually.

### 5. **FINANCES**

The following fees are payable:

School fees  
Hostel fees (if applicable)

As these fees are adjusted annually, they are available from the principal on request only.

### 6. **ATTENDANCE**

The attendance of the learners is checked daily. No appointments should be made during school time. If a learner has been absent, the parent must write a letter to the school. When a learner is absent during the examinations, a valid medical certificate must be presented within 48 hours.

### 7. **HOSTEL**

Volhard hostel accommodates both boys and girls.

### 8. **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Prospective parents should read the code of conduct thoroughly before the start of the new year.

## 9. SUBJECT CHOICE

### SENIOR PHASE: GRADE 8/9

#### Compulsory learning areas:

1. Languages
2. Mathematics
3. Social Sciences
4. Economic Management Sciences
5. Life Orientation
6. Creative Arts
7. Natural Sciences
8. Technology

### FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING: FET (GRADE 10)

<b>COMPULSORY – TWO LANGUAGES</b>	English / Afrikaans Home language Afrikaans/English First Additional language
<b>COMPULSORY</b>	Life Orientation
<b>CHOOSE ONE</b>	Mathematics Mathematical literacy
<b>CHOOSE FROM EACH OF GROUPS 1 - 3</b>	
<b>GROUP 1</b>	Accounting Consumer Studies Visual Arts Geography
<b>GROUP 2</b>	Life Sciences History Computer Application Technology (CAT)
<b>GROUP 3</b>	Physical Sciences Life Sciences Business Studies

### FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING: FET (GRADE 11)

<b>COMPULSORY – TWO LANGUAGES</b>	English / Afrikaans Home language Afrikaans/English First Additional language
<b>COMPULSORY</b>	Life Orientation
<b>CHOOSE ONE</b>	Mathematics Mathematical literacy
<b>CHOOSE FROM EACH OF GROUPS 1 - 3</b>	
<b>GROUP 1</b>	Accounting Consumer Studies Visual Arts Geography
<b>GROUP 2</b>	Life Sciences History Computer Application Technology (CAT)
<b>GROUP 3</b>	Physical Sciences Life Sciences Business Studies
<b>OPTIONAL – 8TH SUBJECT</b>	Information Technology (IT)

## FURTHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING: FET (GRADE 12)

<b>COMPULSORY – TWO LANGUAGES</b>	English / Afrikaans Home language Afrikaans/English First Additional language
<b>COMPULSORY</b>	Life Orientation
<b>CHOOSE ONE</b>	Mathematics Mathematical literacy
<b>CHOOSE FROM EACH OF GROUPS 1 - 3</b>	
<b>GROUP 1</b>	Accounting Consumer Studies Visual Arts Geography
<b>GROUP 2</b>	Life Sciences Business Studies History Computer Application Technology (CAT)
<b>GROUP 3</b>	Physical Sciences Life Sciences Computer Application Technology (CAT) Business Studies
<b>OPTIONAL – 8TH SUBJECT</b>	Information Technology (IT)

## 10. EXTRAMUAL ACTIVITIES

### 10.1 Societies and Clubs

CIA, Debating and Public Speaking, Choir, School Newspaper, Interact, Chess.

### 10.2 Sport

Athletics, Tennis, Swimming, Hockey (boys and girls), Squash (boys and girls), Rugby, Cricket, Soccer (boys and girls), Netball and Bi-Athlon.

Participation is of importance for the child. Learners should participate in one summer and one winter sport and should join one society or club. The sports programme is available from the Sports Co-ordinator.

## 11 . SCHOOL UNIFORM

Official school uniforms and sportswear are available from Norseman, Main Street, Knysna. The school has a second-hand clothing shop.

### **BOYS: SUMMER – TERMS 1 AND 4**

Belt	Black (no motif on the belt). No extravagant buckles.
Trousers	“Tuskies” chino pants.



Socks	Grey.
Shoes	Black lace-up shoes without any motif (not boots). <b>NB:</b> The soles must be of standard thickness. Soles that leave black marks on the floors must be avoided. Deviations will only be allowed on medical grounds.
Shirt	White open-necked shirts with short sleeves, with the blue school badge. Shirts must be neatly tucked into trousers. <b>NOTA BENE: Only a white T-shirt (without designs) will be allowed under the shirt.</b>
Blazer	Official school blazer with badge. Compulsory during assemblies.
Jersey	Long-sleeved school jersey with school badge.
Pull-over	Sleeveless jersey.

### **BOYS: WINTER – TERMS 2 AND 3**

Shirt	White neck-tie, long-sleeved shirts and a school tie.
Jersey	Long-sleeved school jersey with school badge. Grade 12 learners wear their white jerseys or pullovers.
Pull-over	Sleeveless navy blue jersey – with long-sleeved shirt.
Scarf	Only the official school scarf will be allowed. <b>A tie is still compulsory with the scarf.</b>
Blazer	Official school blazer with badge. Compulsory during hall.
Trousers	“Tuskies” chino pants.
Socks	Grey.
Shoes	Black lace-up shoes without any motif (not boots). NB: The soles must be of standard thickness. Soles that leave black marks on the floors must be avoided. Deviations will only be allowed on medical grounds.
Beanie	Only the official school beanie will be allowed.
Gloves	Black.

**GIRLS: SUMMER – TERMS 1 AND 4**

Dress	Official school dress, white short-sleeved shirt. Length: 12 cm above the knee measured from the ground if the girl stands on her knees.
Trousers	Medium grey long trousers, the same length as the standard long pants with neatly stitched hems.
Shoes	Black lace-up shoes or black shoes with strap over foot.
Socks	Short white socks, without logos, motifs or stripes. No “secret socks”.
Blazer	Official school blazer with badge - Compulsory during hall meetings.
Jersey	Long-sleeved navy blue school jersey with school badge.
Pull-over	Sleeveless navy blue jersey - <b>May be worn without a blazer.</b>

**GIRLS: WINTER – TERM 2 AND 3**

Dress	Official school dress, white long-sleeved shirt. Length: 12 cm above the knee measured from the ground if the girl stands on her knees. School tie.
Long pants	Medium grey long trousers.
Stockings	Long black stockings (not thick knitted, but “winter woollies”).
Socks	Short white socks, without logos, motifs or stripes. No “secret socks”.
Shoes	The same as for summer.
Jersey	Long-sleeved navy blue school jersey with school badge. Grade 12 learners wear their white jerseys or pullovers.
Pull-over	Sleeveless jersey – with long-sleeved shirt.
Scarf	Only the official school scarf will be allowed. <b>A tie is still compulsory with the scarf.</b>
Gloves	Black.
Blazer	Official school blazer with badge. Compulsory during assemblies.
Beanie	Only the official school beanie will be allowed.

**Note:** A navy-blue school blazer with blue school badge is compulsory for all learners.

**Note:** Learners who are involved in the annual prize giving have to wear winter uniform.

Each sports team has its own characteristic kit that must be worn for matches. School uniform or relevant sportswear must be worn before and after matches.

School uniforms must be worn during school hours and at certain organised functions (as specified by the principal).

## **12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

As the prospectus provides limited information, you are welcome to contact the school for more information or visit our website ([www.knysnahigh.co.za](http://www.knysnahigh.co.za)).

## **13. SCHOOL SONG**

Waar land en see mekaar ontmoet.  
En berg en bos mekaar begroet,  
word ons met kennis toegerus  
en van ons roeping bewus.

Though cultures may well differ  
In our school we all are one.  
In God we trust to help us all.  
To always live up to our call.

Stabilis Esto.  
By this we will abide  
For this will make us strong.  
To honour you all along  
Knysna High, our school!