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Welcome to Newberry House

Newberry House is located on the beautiful, iconic Lourensford Estate, on the outskirts of Somerset West in the Cape Winelands.

Quality, international education in a healthy, sustainable environment providing real-life learning experiences are the three key pillars of the Newberry House offering.
Our 3 key pillars are:

Education
We offer world-class education through globally-recognised Montessori and Cambridge International programmes

Environment
Our organic, green campus inspires a sustainable and holistic way of living

Experience
Our unique setting on Lourensford Estate provides multiple opportunities for immersive learning and living outside the classroom
Welcome to Newberry House!

We truly believe that school should be a place which learners cannot wait to return to every day!

Here at Newberry House, we aim to inspire the next generation to think for themselves through the highest global standards of Montessori and Cambridge education.

Our eco-friendly campus, set within the beautiful Lourensford estate, also provides us with plenty of real-life learning experiences (including coffee start-ups, enviro-tech pitches and hitting the mountain bike trails after clearing alien vegetation!)

Join us over the next few pages as we explore more of what Newberry House has to offer!

Best wishes,
Alistair Green
Head of School
Pillar 1

Quality education
Our quality, international learning

At Newberry House, we believe in offering the highest standard of globally-recognised education.

To this end, we are:

- A fully accredited Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE) school and examination centre.
- Working towards full accreditation with Association Montessori Internationale (AMI).
- Members of the Independent School Association of Southern Africa (ISASA).
- Members of the South African Montessori Association (SAMA).
World-class Montessori education

Our Montessori offering is aligned with the globally-renowned standards of Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) - established by the legendary Italian physician and educator, Dr Maria Montessori.

Montessori education focuses on child-centred, self-directed learning to foster a natural curiosity, self-belief and a love of learning.

Montessori caters for age-appropriate developmental needs in different stages of a child’s development:

- **Toddler**: 18 months to 3 years
- **Pre-Primary**: 3-6 years
- **Elementary**: 6-12 years
- **Adolescence**: 12-18 years
Montessori education includes the following characteristics:

1. Vertical age groups
   Children of mixed ages work together at their own pace in the same class

2. 3-Hour Work Cycle
   3 hours of open, uninterrupted time to independently choose, deeply engage in and master purposeful work

3. Prepared environment
   Thoughtfully prepared learning spaces that facilitate learning through order, beauty and simplicity

4. Guides
   Montessori teachers, who give learners tools to teach themselves - then observe their progress - rather than simply teaching them

5. Work
   Purposeful play and experimentation that meets developmental needs and builds character

6. Freedom within limits
   Learners have the freedom to choose learning activities within certain parameters and under the guidance of their teachers. This fosters greater independence, curiosity and deeper learning
World-class Cambridge education

These are some of the advantages of a Cambridge International Education:

• The world's largest provider of international education programmes
• Development of independent thinking skills and application
• Access to leading global universities and other learning institutions
  – including the UK and USA - through AS and A-Level qualifications
Our Cambridge subjects

Subjects:
- English
- Mathematics
- Afrikaans
- Biology
- History
- Geography
- Environmental Management
- Physical Sciences
- Business Studies
- Art and Design
- Mechanics

Cambridge Examinations Centre:

Newberry House is also an independent examinations centre for all Cambridge examinations – including any subjects not offered by the school, studied by students independently

For more information:
www.cie.org.uk  www.newberryhouse.com/cambridge/
Students are encouraged to think independently, self-direct their study and question their learning on a deeper level — School Head, Alistair Green

There is a wonderful synergy between Cambridge and Montessori in this regard. Cambridge is our curriculum of choice because we strive to prepare our students for a world-class outcome.

Our methods may be unconventional, our outcomes go beyond being purely academic. Students are very happy here, and when children are happy and energised, learning follows naturally.

— Chairman, Andre Shearer
Pillar 2

Our Environment
Our healthy, green, organic campus that inspires

The natural beauty of our organic, chemical-free and biodiverse Newberry campus consistently inspires those who set foot on it.

This creates the perfect environment for children to thrive in as they practically learn about earth stewardship and sustainable best practices.

A constant highlight is seeing our children’s faces light up as they pick from one of nearly 100 fruit-bearing trees on our campus or harvest vegetables from their own organic vegetable gardens!

“It is crucial for the child to be surrounded by beautiful plants and flowers that they can touch, smell and see,” says Ange Loock-Shearer, a founding parent instrumental in transforming our campus grounds over the past ten years.
Empowering the next generation to live sustainably

“Engaging the youth of today to protect the planet of tomorrow”

This is the motto of Eco Schools, the world’s largest sustainable schools programme, for which Newberry House has Platinum status.

An example of these principles being lived out is when a group of Newberry students recently designed and built a modified bio-filter to clean water from the Lourens River, for which they came first in the African region in the British Council’s “Waters of the World” competition.

See the award-winning video that our students produced: https://vimeo.com/390707988

For more information on Eco Schools: https://www.ecoschools.global/
Pillar 3

Experience
Pillar 3: Experience – continued

Experience – Sport

Our sports range from **adventure sports** on Lourensford’s pristine trails, **team sports** on the polo field or participation with **partner clubs** and teams

- **Mountain biking**
  Exclusive Newberry House weekly rides on the world-renowned Lourensford MTB trails

- **Trail running**
  Weekly sessions on the Lourensford trails and participation in the Boland Cross Country League

- **Soccer**
  Participation in the Young Bafana league from 2021

- **Golf**
  EOGA Golf Academy

- **Cricket**
  Mini cricket schools league | Newberry representation at Somerset West Cricket Club

- **Hockey, netball, rugby and athletics**
  Newberry students can compete in partner school teams, from where some have gone on to earn provincial colours. **Contact us for more information**

- **Pre-primary**
  Ruggakids
  Netballkidz
  Playball
  EOGA Golf
  Tiny Tennis
Experience – Culture

Our **cultural offering** includes the following:

- Drama club
- Dance
- Music lessons
- Coding academy
- Newberry choir
- Eco club
- Art club

An annual highlight is our **whole-school production**, which alternates with our ever-popular **Newberry’s Got Talent** contest!
Lourensford Estate has frequently been referred to as one of the most beautiful estates on earth, with so much to offer our students and their families.

For parents with flexible working hours, Lourensford offers the opportunity to work and play, in a beautiful, inspiring environment – while students are at school!
Families at Newberry House have access to an unmatched menu of lifestyle opportunities on Lourensford Estate, including:

- Lourensford Market
- Coffee Shop
- Restaurants
- Children’s fun, art and parties
- Lifestyle Spa
- Wine Tasting and Sales
The Newberry experience: combining our three pillars

We aim to create opportunities that combine world-class Montessori/Cambridge education, a focus on the environment and real-life learning experiences.

Examples:

**Our Cambridge students** applied their knowledge of technology and the environment to create a QR-scanning app to identify various plant species on campus; this was later pitched to two venture capitalists.

**Our Middle School learners** contributed to the Lourensford community by clearing alien vegetation and learned about the local fynbos ecosystems in real time by working alongside Lourensford’s environmental manager.

We believe that the best lessons in entrepreneurship and business are learned through experience – our Elementary students (6-12 years) have hosted themed market days at the ever-popular Lourensford market; one of the most recent being “Reduce, Re-use, Recycle” to in keeping with our ethos of environmental stewardship.
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