



Newberry House

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# Newberry House

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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



Education | Environment | Experience





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



## A personal greeting - Head of School

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



Education



| Environment



| Experience

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



**Cambridge Assessment  
International Education**

Cambridge International School



## 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](http://www.cie.org.uk)

[www.newberryhouse.com/cambridge/](http://www.newberryhouse.com/cambridge/)

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**100**  
innovative  
schools  
worldwide



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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







Education



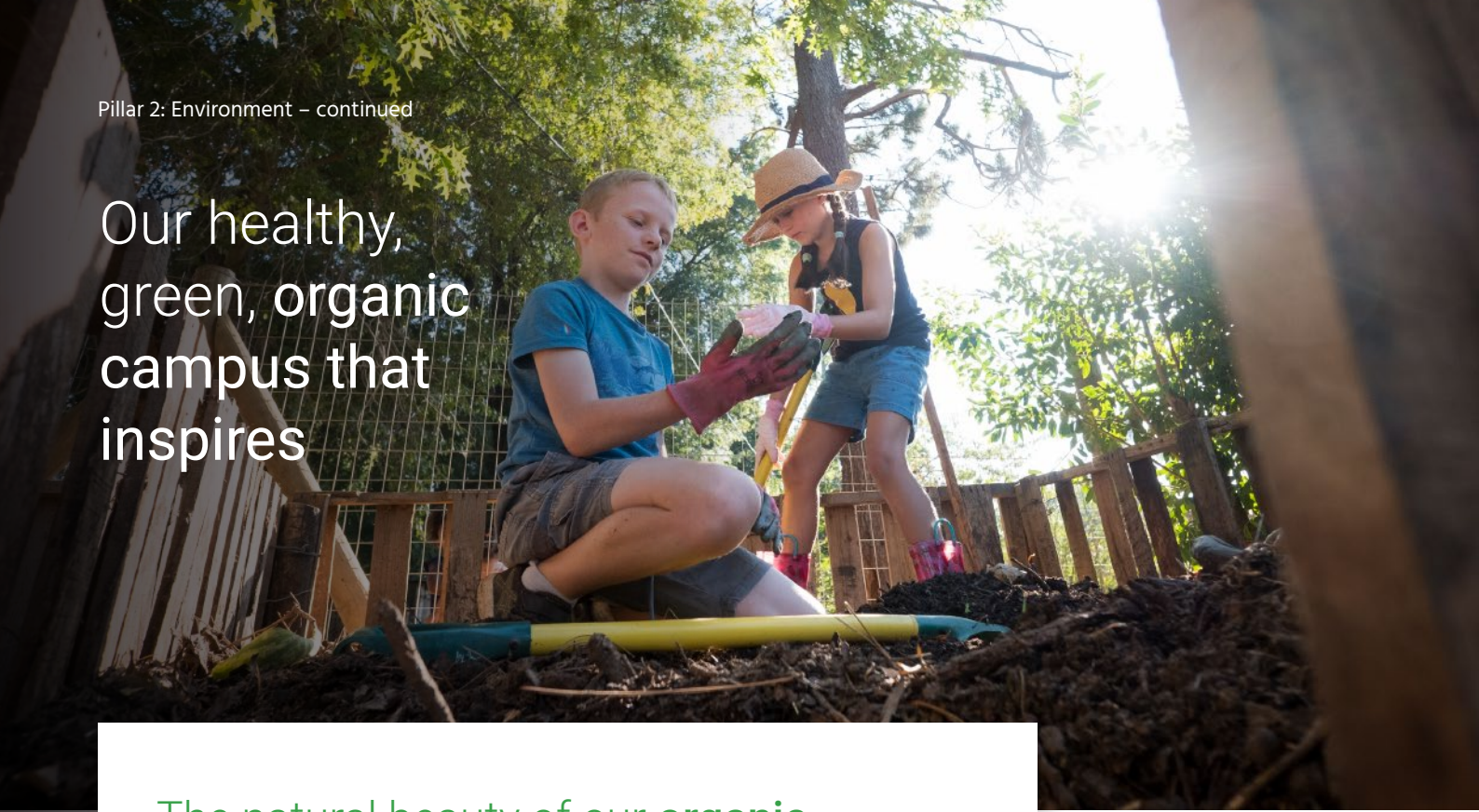
| **Environment**



| Experience

Pillar 2

# Our Environment

A photograph of two children, a boy and a girl, working in a garden bed. The boy is in the foreground, kneeling and wearing a blue t-shirt and grey shorts, holding a small plant. The girl is behind him, wearing a straw hat, a dark tank top, and blue shorts, also working with the soil. They are surrounded by dark mulch and a wooden fence in the background. The sun is shining brightly through the trees, creating a warm, natural atmosphere.

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 Looch-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/>



Education



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| Experience

Pillar 3

# Experience



## 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!



## Experience – Lifestyle



**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!



**Newberry House**

<sup>AT</sup> LOURENSFORD

**For more information:** [www.lourensford.co.za](http://www.lourensford.co.za)



Families at Newberry House **have access to** an unmatched menu of **lifestyle opportunities on Lourensford Estate**, including:

Lourensford Market

Lourensford  
MARKET

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Coffee Shop



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Restaurants

MILLHOUSE kitchen

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Children's fun, art and parties



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Lifestyle Spa

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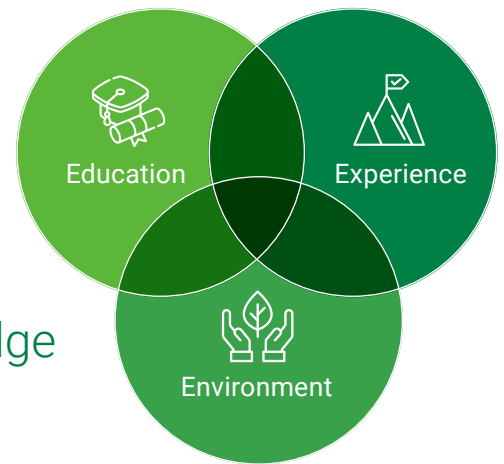
Wine Tasting and Sales



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## 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.



# Contact us

If you would like to find out more about Newberry House, please **contact us** or

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