



Newberry House
MONTESSORI SCHOOL

PROSPECTUS

NEWBERRY HOUSE

We look forward to welcoming you to our community, where we aim to showcase what is possible through education.



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Welcome From Our Head

Redefining what is possible in education

In today's ever-changing world, the ability to make sense of and apply knowledge across various contexts is more critical than ever. At Newberry House, we are committed to growing this essential skill by developing critical thinking and providing opportunities for real-life learning experiences. We believe that education is not just about academic outcomes, it is about cultivating a deep love of learning and having fun along the way!

Our approach combines the time-tested benefits of authentic Montessori education with the globally respected Cambridge International curriculum. In our unique context at Newberry House, we integrate this approach with a focus on earth stewardship, a vibrant sports and cultural offering, outdoor adventures, entrepreneurial ventures, and immersive learning experiences in the breathtaking surroundings of Lourensford Estate. The result is a well-rounded education that empowers our learners to think independently and draw from real-world experiences to make a meaningful impact.



As you explore the following pages, I am excited to share with you the possibilities that arise from our unique offering at Newberry House as we continually seek to create an environment where learning is joyful, purposeful, and truly transformative.

Best regards,

Alistair Green

Head of School

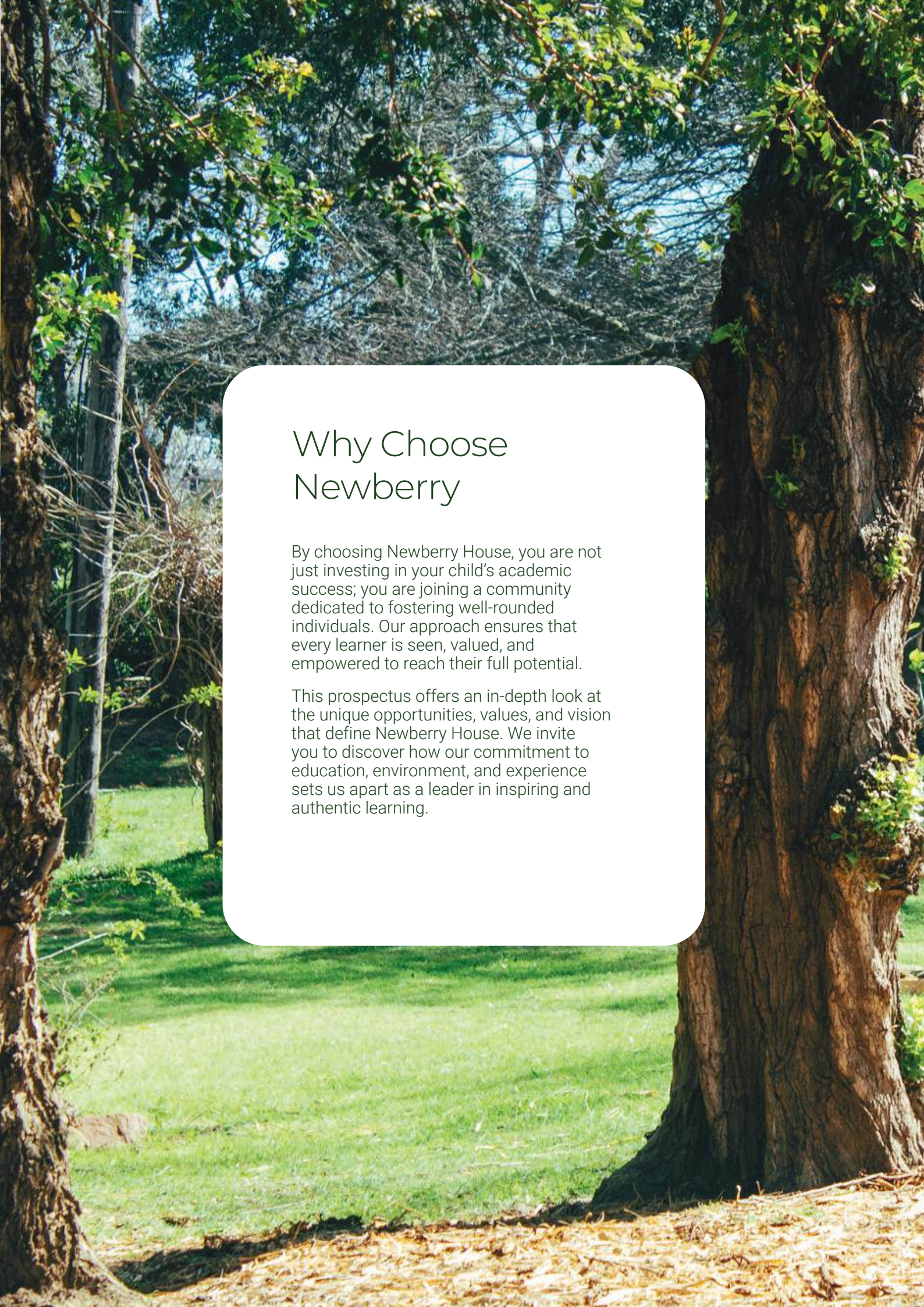


Welcome to NEWBERRY HOUSE

Nestled in the heart of the breathtaking Lourensford Estate in Somerset West, within the iconic Cape Winelands, Newberry House stands as a beacon of quality, authentic education. Our school is more than just a place of learning— it is a thriving community where innovation meets tradition, and education goes hand-in-hand with personal growth, environmental stewardship, and transformative real-life experiences.

Mission Statement

At Newberry House, our mission is to showcase what is possible in education. By combining globally recognised teaching methodologies with an environment that fosters creativity, curiosity, and respect for the natural world, we empower our learners to flourish in all aspects of their development.



Why Choose Newberry

By choosing Newberry House, you are not just investing in your child’s academic success; you are joining a community dedicated to fostering well-rounded individuals. Our approach ensures that every learner is seen, valued, and empowered to reach their full potential.

This prospectus offers an in-depth look at the unique opportunities, values, and vision that define Newberry House. We invite you to discover how our commitment to education, environment, and experience sets us apart as a leader in inspiring and authentic learning.



Our Newberry Pillars



Education

We pride ourselves on offering world-class education through internationally renowned programmes. From the child- centered, self-directed approach of the Montessori curriculum to the academic rigour of the Cambridge International syllabus, our learners are equipped with the skills, knowledge, and critical thinking abilities needed to thrive in an ever-evolving world.



Environment

Set against the backdrop of Lourensford's lush vineyards and natural beauty, our organic, green campus is a living classroom. Here, learners are immersed in a lifestyle of sustainable living and earth stewardship, cultivating a sense of responsibility for the world they will one day lead.



Experience

We believe that education extends far beyond the classroom. Through real-life learning experiences, our students engage with their surroundings in meaningful ways— be it through outdoor adventures, entrepreneurial ventures, or collaborative projects within the vibrant Lourensford community.



EDUCATION

At Newberry House, we pride ourselves on offering a world-class education through the globally recognised Montessori and Cambridge International programmes.

Our partnerships with the following leading organisations reinforce our commitment to excellence:

Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE)

Fully accredited CAIE centre and exam centre, the world's largest provider of international education programmes.



Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)

We strive towards the standards of AMI, the global authority on authentic Montessori education.



Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa (ISASA)

Member school of ISASA, promoting best practices in independent education.



South African Montessori Association (SAMA)

Member school of SAMA, representing Montessori schools in South Africa.



Indaba Foundation

Supporting Early Childhood Development initiatives.



Eco Schools

Platinum member of one of the largest global sustainable schools programmes.





THE MONTESSORI APPROACH

Montessori education emphasises child-centered, self-directed learning, fostering natural curiosity, self-confidence, and a life long love of learning. We support academic, social and emotional growth tailored to the unique developmental needs of each age group (or "plane" of development). The main characteristics of each plane of development include the following:

TODDLER (18 MONTHS - 3 YEARS)

Building independence, communication, and motor skills.
Nurturing curiosity in a safe, structured environment.



PRE-PRIMARY (3-6 YEARS)

Encouraging independence, a need for order, and the ability to absorb information.
Supporting "sensitive periods" for acquiring foundational skills in language, maths, and sensory development.

WORLD CLASS MONTESSORI EDUCATION

At Newberry House, our Montessori approach is inspired by the pioneering work of Dr. Maria Montessori, a visionary whose educational philosophy continues to transform learning worldwide. Partnered with Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)—the global authority on authentic Montessori education—we are committed to providing an environment that nurtures each child's unique potential.
As an AMI Global School Accreditation Programme pilot school, we uphold the highest standards of Montessori education, setting a global benchmark for quality and authenticity.

ELEMENTARY (6 - 12 YEARS)

Fostering a strong sense of justice and fairness, with a focus on collaborative work and socialisation.
Promoting "big picture" thinking and encouraging exploration of interconnected ideas across subjects.





ADOLESCENCE (12-18 YEARS)

Building self-worth and confidence through hands-on, purposeful, real-world work. Instilling a strong sense of responsibility, independence, and intrinsic motivation in preparation of adulthood and further development.



MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

At every stage, Montessori empowers learners to become active participants in their own growth, developing the skills and values needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Newberry House is where curiosity meets capability, creating a foundation for lifelong success. development.





CHARACTERISTICS OF A MONTESSORI EDUCATION

At Newberry House, the Montessori philosophy shapes every aspect of our educational approach, providing a framework that empowers learners to explore, grow, and thrive. Rooted in over a century of research and practice, Montessori education fosters independence, curiosity, and respect for both the individual and the community.

The principles of vertical age groups, a three-hour work cycle, and a carefully prepared environment work in harmony to meet the development needs of each child.

Guided by passionate educators and a balance of freedom within limits, our learners engage in meaningful work that encourages critical thinking, collaboration, and a lifelong love of learning.

These defining characteristics ensure that Montessori education is not just about academic achievement but about nurturing well-rounded, capable, and confident individuals prepared to make a positive impact in the world.

THE MONTESSORI APPROACH

The characteristics of a Montessori education in our Toddler, Pre-Primary and Elementary planes include the following:

1

VERTICAL AGE GROUP

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.**





MIDDLE SCHOOL

Our learners begin their Cambridge International journey in Middle School (Grades 7-9), where the Montessori Adolescent Programme is seamlessly integrated with the Cambridge Lower Secondary curriculum.

This unique combination fosters both academic and personal growth, preparing students for the next steps in their educational journey.

In addition to academic subjects, our Middle Schoolers participate in weekly “Socratic” sessions where they learn to think critically. The Montessori adolescent programme also provides learners with opportunities to engage in real-life “productions”, including catering, selling organic produce to Lourensford restaurants, mountain-bike trail-building and volunteering at a local creche. This meets their developmental need of creating and adding value, and teaches valuable entrepreneurial skills.



MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



WORLD-CLASS CAMBRIDGE EDUCATION

At Newberry House, we are proud to offer a globally recognised Cambridge International Education, renowned for its emphasis on academic excellence and critical thinking. As the world’s largest provider of international education programmes, Cambridge equips students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in a fast evolving world.





HIGH SCHOOL

As learners transition to High School, they choose seven subjects for their International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and later specialise in four subjects for Advanced Subsidiary (AS) levels.

SUBJECTS CURRENTLY OFFERED AT NEWBERRY HOUSE

English
Mathematics
Afrikaans
Biology
Chemistry
Physics

Computer Science
Business Studies
Art & Design
History
Geography
Environmental Management



In addition to these subjects, Newberry House is a fully accredited Cambridge International Exam Center, offering the flexibility for both internal and external learners to write any subject that Cambridge provides.

Through the Cambridge curriculum, Newberry learners are not only prepared for academic success but also equipped with critical thinking skills and a global perspective, empowering them to excel in their chosen fields and make meaningful contributions to the world.



BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

The advantages of a Cambridge education extend far beyond the classroom, paving the way for admission into leading global and local universities and other learning institutions.

CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENTS

The first external assessments our learners undertake are the Cambridge Checkpoint Assessments, written at the end of Middle School. These assessments provide a benchmark of academic performance on an international scale.

Over the past few years, our Newberry Middle School class averages for the Mathematics and English checkpoint assessments have consistently ranged between 10-20% above international benchmarks, highlighting the strong academic foundations that have been laid in our Pre-Primary, Elementary and Middle School planes.





At Newberry House, our campus isn't just a place for learning—it's a thriving ecosystem where sustainability and earth stewardship are lived values. Surrounded by the natural beauty of Lourensford Estate, our organic, chemical-free, and biodiverse environment fosters a profound connection to the earth, inspiring learners to take responsibility for the world around them.



SUSTAINABILITY

Diamond Status from Eco Schools

We are proud to hold Diamond status from Eco Schools, the world's largest sustainable schools programme. This distinction reflects our commitment to empowering young people to take action in protecting our planet, instilling habits and knowledge that will shape a sustainable future.



A Vision of Sustainable Living

Our goal is to create a campus that not only provides healthy, organic produce for our learners but also generates enough to share with the broader Lourensford community. Through hands-on experience, our students actively participate in growing, harvesting, and managing our gardens, learning valuable lessons about sustainable practices and self-sufficiency.



ENVIRONMENT



EARTH STEWARDSHIP

Pre-Primary to High School Gardens

All our learners, from Toddler to High School, engage in age-appropriate gardening techniques, including planting, nurturing and harvesting organic produce.



Middle School Produce Business

Our Middle School learners take sustainability a step further by managing a small business. They deliver fresh, hand-picked organic produce to Lourensford restaurants and local families on a weekly basis, gaining real-world skills in entrepreneurship, teamwork, and environmental stewardship.

At Newberry House, sustainability isn't just a concept—it's a way of life. By weaving these principles into our educational approach, we nurture not only curious learners but also mindful custodians of the earth.



EXPERIENCE



MIDDLE SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

Learners undertake projects with real-world impact, such as:

GROWING

Cultivating and selling organic produce.

HOSPITALITY

Catering for school events.

TRAILS

Building and maintaining MTB trails for prestigious events like Cape Epic.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Volunteering at Little Stars Crèche.



Real-life learning is at the heart of the Newberry experience. Our learners actively engage in projects that cultivate independence, creativity, and collaboration.

ELEMENTARY “GOING OUTS”

Learners independently organise school trips related to their studies, handling research, logistics, and presentations. Examples include:

COFFEE ROASTING

Learning barista skills, and Fairtrade principles.

WEDGEWOOD NOUGAT

Branding and marketing projects.

LOURENSFORD & VERGELEGEN

Environmental management initiatives such as alien vegetation clearing and responsible use of water.





SPORT

At Newberry House, we believe that sports are more than extracurricular activities—they are opportunities for growth, teamwork, and fostering a lifelong appreciation for health and well-being. Our extensive sports programme offers something for everyone, catering to a wide range of interests and skill levels:



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Regular rides on world-class Lourensford trails, with learners competing in the WP Schools League.

Open Water Swimming

Weekly swimming sessions in Lourensford dams, culminating in our annual interschools event.



Soccer

Coerver football coaching and participation in the Helderberg Schools League.

Netball

Expert coaching through Netball Goal Getters, competing in the Helderberg Schools League.

Cricket

Mini cricket and primary cricket programmes.

Trail Running

Weekly runs along the scenic trails of Lourensford, with participation in the Boland Cross Country League.

Montessori Sports 



Pre-Primary Sports

Tailored activities for younger learners including netball, rugby, and Playball.

Padel

Coaching sessions at the Lourensford Padel Hub.

Learners also have the opportunity to participate in sports not yet offered at Newberry, such as rugby and hockey, through partnerships with local schools and clubs.

Montessori Sports

In partnership with Montessori Sports, an AMI-affiliated organisation, we have integrated Montessori principles into our sports programme.

Originating from a collaboration between AMI and the elite Cruyff Football Academy in the Netherlands, Montessori Sports emphasises shared values like teamwork, self-discipline, and purposeful movement, enriching both our curriculum and extracurricular offerings.





ART CLUB

Encouraging creative exploration and artistic expression.



ECO CLUB

Cultivating environmental stewardship and sustainability awareness.



1:1 MUSIC LESSONS

Personalised instruction in guitar, drums, and piano.

In addition to these programmes, Montessori classrooms include materials designed to teach music fundamentals, such as bells and tone bars, alongside opportunities for art and cooking.

CULTURE

At Newberry House, cultural activities are an integral part of our learners' holistic development. Our extracurricular cultural programmes inspire creativity, self-expression, and collaboration, offering:



CHESS

Building strategic thinking and patience.



CHOIR

Fostering harmony and a love for music.



DRAMA CLUB

Developing confidence and storytelling skills.





LIFE ON LOURENSFORD

Our campus on the breathtaking Lourensford Estate provides an unparalleled setting for learning, exploration, and family enjoyment.

Beyond academics, Newberry House learners and their families benefit from a vibrant community with access to:

RECREATION

Padel Hub, Lourensford MTB trails, and the Clay Pigeon Hub.

CULINARY EXPERIENCES

Millhouse Restaurant, Ghenwa's Lebanese Cuisine, Wedgewood Emporium, and Coffee Roasting Company.

WELLNESS & RELAXATION

Life Retreat, Wellness in the Winelands, Fjord Plunge and Move with Suz.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

NV Film Studios Africa, Craft Collective workshops, and the Lourensford Motor Museum.

WORLD-CLASS BEVERAGES

Ginologist distillery and Lourensford Wine Cellar tastings.

At Newberry House, the Lourensford Estate is more than a location—it's a source of inspiration, community, and boundless opportunities for real-life learning.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

At Newberry House, we believe in the power of collaboration to create meaningful and lasting change. Our partnerships with the Indaba Foundation and Little Stars Crèche exemplify our commitment to Early Childhood Development and community upliftment.



Newberry Golf Day

Our annual Newberry Golf Day serves as a cornerstone fundraising event, bringing together families, businesses, and community members. Proceeds from this event directly support:

Located on Lourensford Estate, Little Stars Crèche provides quality care and education to children in our local community. Newberry House actively supports the crèche by providing resources, mentorship, and hands-on volunteer hours from our learners and staff.



By participating in these initiatives, Newberry House is not only shaping the future of our own learners but also contributing to the growth and development of our wider community. Together, we are building a brighter tomorrow—one child, one family, one partnership at a time.





We warmly invite you to take the next step:

Book a Campus Tour: Experience firsthand the inspiring environment, where you will get the opportunity to engage with our team and learners.

Discover More Online: Visit our website to learn about our programmes, partnerships, and philosophy.

Stay connected with us on social media for updates, stories, and a closer look at life at Newberry House.

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GET IN TOUCH

At Newberry House, we believe that education is not just about the classroom—it's about creating meaningful experiences that shape confident, curious, and capable individuals. Nestled within the stunning Lourensford Estate, our school offers a truly unique environment where education meets opportunity, and every child is empowered to thrive.

