

Tiaan van der Merwe

Teacher / Web designer / Aspiring Frontend Developer & Social Media Strategist

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(Willing to relocate)
- Code B drivers licence
- 9609195022081



About Me

I am a dedicated and adaptable educator with 8 years of teaching experience and a B.Ed. in Intermediate and Senior Phase Education, specializing in Afrikaans, English, Natural Science, and Life Orientation. Passionate about creating engaging, learner-centered classrooms and contributing to holistic learner development through both academics and sports. While I have a background in digital tools, my primary focus is on teaching and making a meaningful impact within a school community.

Expertise Skills

- Teaching & Curriculum Development
- Digital Literacy & Educational Technology Integration
- Web Design & SEO
- Creative Content Creation
- Sports Coaching & Extracurricular Leadership
- Strong Communication & Research Skills

Education

- 2014
Hoërskool Florida
Matric
- 2015-2017
BA Psychology and English
NWU Potchefstroom (INCOMPLETE)
- 2017-2022
B.Ed Intermediate & Senior Phase
UNISA FLORIDA (COMPLETE)

Work Experience

- Teacher - Jubilee Christian School
(October 2017 – September 2018)
 - Student Teacher (English, Science, Technology, Life Orientation & Social Sciences)
- Teacher - Genl Christiaan De Wet Primary
(January 2019 – April 2021)
 - English HL/FAL & Science Teacher
 - Rugby, Tennis, athletics and Cricket Coach
- Teacher - Summit Academy
(January 2022 – December 2022)
 - Grade 7 Teacher (All subjects except Mathematics)
 - Guitar Instructor
- Teacher - Laerskool Generaal De La Rey
(January 2023 – Present)
 - Afrikaans & Technology Teacher (Grades 6-7)
 - Natural Science & Technology, PT, Creative Arts (Grades 4-6)
 - Rugby, Darts, Athletics and Cricket Coach

Professional Summary

Tiaan van der Merwe

Dedicated and versatile Educator with 8 years of teaching experience across Intermediate and Senior Phases. Qualified with a B.Ed. in Intermediate & Senior Phase Education (2022), specializing in Afrikaans, English, Natural Science, Social Science, Technology, and Life Orientation. Experienced in curriculum development, classroom management, and learner-centered instruction tailored to diverse learning needs.

Committed to fostering a positive and inclusive learning environment, while integrating appropriate educational technologies to enhance teaching and learner engagement. Skilled in extracurricular involvement including coaching rugby, cricket, tennis, squash and darts, contributing to well-rounded learner development.

While proficient in digital tools and web platforms, my passion lies in education—empowering learners, supporting school goals, and contributing meaningfully to the school community. Open to relocation within South Africa for the right opportunity.

Cover letter

Tiaan van der Merwe

Good day Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my interest in the teaching position at your school. With eight years of classroom experience and a B.Ed. in Intermediate & Senior Phase Education (2022), I have developed a strong foundation in delivering engaging lessons in Afrikaans, English, Natural Science, Social Science, Technology, and Life Orientation. My commitment to learner-centred instruction and positive classroom environments has consistently led to improved academic outcomes and enthusiastic student participation.

Throughout my career, I have designed and implemented curricula that balance academic rigor with creative, hands-on activities. I integrate technology thoughtfully—whether through interactive presentations or digital learning tools—to enrich lessons and accommodate diverse learning styles. Beyond academics, I have coached rugby, cricket, tennis, and darts, fostering teamwork, confidence, and sportsmanship among learners.

I bring to your school not only pedagogical expertise but also strong organizational and communication skills, honed through curriculum development and cross-functional collaboration. My background in digital platforms (WordPress, Elementor, HTML/CSS, SEO) further allows me to support school initiatives—such as website upkeep and online communications—should the need arise.

A lifelong learner and passionate educator, I am motivated by the opportunity to contribute to a dynamic school community and support each learner's growth. I am based in Roodepoort but open to relocation for the right role. I would welcome the chance to discuss how my experience and approach can benefit your team.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you.

Yours sincerely,
Mr. Tiaan van der Merwe
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Digital & Web design Experience

Freelance Web Designer & Digital Marketing

Consultant (2019 – Present)

- Designed and developed 6+ websites, including school websites and WooCommerce stores.
- Proficient in WordPress, Elementor, CSS, HTML, and Wix.
- Implemented SEO strategies to optimize website ranking and user engagement.
- Developed social media strategies for brand growth.

Computer Mania (June 2017 – October 2017)

- Junior Sales Representative, specializing in tech-related sales and customer support.

Extended Skills and Expertise

Education

- Curriculum Development
- Classroom Management
- Natural Science, Technology & English Instruction
- Guitar Teaching
- Teaching
- Writing
- Designing
- Researching
- Photo Editing
- Microsoft Literate

Courses

- Basic Web Design Course – NWU Creativity Center
- Microsoft Office Training (Word, PowerPoint, Excel) – CTU
- World Rugby Certifications:
- Introduction to Coaching (L1 15s)
- Coaching Children (Online)
- Key Factor Analysis (Online)
- Rugby Ready (Online)
- Laws of the Game (Online)
- Concussion Management (Online)
- Tackle Height Change Education

Digital

- Website Development (WordPress, Wix, CSS, HTML, Elementor)
- SEO Optimization & Google Analytics
- Social Media Marketing (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest, YouTube)
- Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator
- Content Creation & Digital Branding
- AI incorporation

Additional

- Strong Communication & Research Skills
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Excel)
- Photography & Photo Editing
- Rugby, Tennis, Cricket Coaching
- Code B driver's license

Other Experience

Education

Previous degree subjects completed during 2015-2017
(Degree not completed, moved profession)

NWU (Potchefstroom Campus)

BA Psychology and English SUBJECTS PASSED

- AGLA 121 Academic Literacy
- ENLL 111 English
- ENLS 121 English
- KCOM 112 Communication in Organizations
- KCOM 122 Public Relations
- PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology
- PSYC 121 Social and Communal Psychology
- AGLA 111 Academic Literacy
- GGFS 112 Geography
- ENLL 121 English
- LPRA 111,121 Language Practice and Text
- SKRK 111,121 Creative Writing

Hoërskool Florida

Matric, 2014



SACE

South African Council for Educators

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- acknowledge the noble calling of their profession to educate and train the learners of our country,
- acknowledge that the attitude, dedication, self-discipline, ideals, training and conduct of the teaching profession determine the quality of education in this country,
- acknowledge, uphold and promote basic human rights, as embodied in the constitution of South Africa,
- commit themselves to do all within their power, in the performance of their professional duties, to act in accordance with the ideals of their profession, as expressed in the SACE Code of conduct, and
- act in a proper and becoming way such that their behaviour does not bring the teaching profession into disrepute.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

This is to certify that

TIAAN JACQUES VAN DER MERWE

is registered with the

South African Council for Educators

22/11/2022

Date

Ella Mokgalane, CEO

Registration number: 12503405

Date of First Registration 2018-08-24



We certify that

TIAAN JACQUES VAN DER MERWE

*having complied with the requirements of the Higher Education Act
and the Institutional Statute, was admitted to the degree of*

**BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (INTERMEDIATE AND
SENIOR PHASE)**

*at a congregation of the University
on 11 October 2022*

SPECIALISATION : EDUCATIONAL THEMES, PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

LANGUAGE(S) OF LEARNING AND TEACHING (LoLT): ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS

Vice Chancellor

University Registrar



Executive Dean

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Your Reference :

ACADEMIC RECORD

Student number : 6297-088-7
Name : VAN DER MERWE TIAAN JACQUES
Previous Surname :
Date of Birth : 1996-09-19
Identity Number : 9609195022081
Matriculation : NSC DEGREE ADMISSION
Qualification : Bachelor of Education (Intermediate and Senior Phase)

NQF specification : Exit Level 7, Minimum Credits 480

This document is issued without alteration or erasure and includes all years of registration for the abovementioned qualification.

Year	Month	Code	Name of Study Unit	%	Comment	NQF level	NQF crds
2018	JUN	BPT150-1	Being a Professional Teacher	75	Passed with Distinction	5	12
2018	OCT	EDA304-6	Environmental Education	55	Passed	6	12
2018	MAY	EDT160-1	Child Development	65	Passed	6	12
2018	OCT	ENG150-1	Foundations in English Literary Studies	64	Passed	5	12
2018	JUN	ETH102-L	The Learning Child	68	Passed	5	12
2018	OCT	PST103-E	Teaching Social Sciences	79	Passed with Distinction	5	12
2018	OCT	PST131-J	Language Teaching	78	Passed with Distinction	5	12
2019	MAY	AFK150-1	AFRIKAANS TODAY (LITERATURE)	64	Passed	5	12
2019	JUN	AFK150-3	CONTEMPORARY AFRIKAANS: LANGUAGE STUDIES AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION	69	Passed	5	12
2019	NOV	EDC101-5	Theoretical Frameworks in Education (Educational Foundations 101 (BEEd))	75	Passed with Distinction	5	12
2019	MAY	ENG150-2	Foundations in English Language Studies	56	Passed	5	12
2019	NOV	ENG260-1	Applied English Language Studies: Further Explorations	53	Passed	6	12
2019	NOV	ENG260-2	Genres in Literature and Language: Theory, Style and Poetics	50	Passed	6	12
2019	MAY	ETH203-Q	Guidance, Counselling and Life Skills Development	60	Passed	6	12
2019	OCT	PST104-F	Teaching Practice 1	68	Passed	5	12
2019	OCT	TEX260-1	Writing Skills for the Communication Industry	76	Passed with Distinction	6	12
2020	OCT	BTE260-1	Becoming a Teacher	67	Passed	6	12
2020	OCT	CIC260-1	Computer Integration in the classroom	79	Passed with Distinction	6	12
2020	OCT	CUS370-1	Curriculum Studies	99	Passed with Distinction	7	12
2020	OCT	OTE260-1	Orientation to teaching Economic and Management Sciences	75	Passed with Distinction	6	12
2020	JUN	PST210-G	Arts and Culture	55	Passed	6	12
2020	OCT	SAE370-1	South African Education System	75	Passed with Distinction	7	12
2020	OCT	TMN370-4	Teaching Mathematics	85	Passed with Distinction	7	12
2020	OCT	TMN370-5	Teaching Natural Science and Technology	68	Passed	7	12
2020	OCT	TPN260-2	Teaching Practice for Intermediate Phase II	81	Passed with Distinction	6	12
2020	OCT	TPN370-3	Teaching practice for Intermediate phase III	78	Passed with Distinction	7	12
2021	OCT	ENG260-3	Colonial and Postcolonial African Literatures	61	Passed	6	12
2021	OCT	ETH302-S	Inclusive Education A	86	Passed with Distinction	6	12
2021	OCT	ETH305-V	Multicultural Education (Educational Themes 305)	66	Passed	6	12
2021	OCT	ETH306-W	Inclusive Education B (Educational Themes 306)	96	Passed with Distinction	6	12
2021	OCT	HEC101-V	Health Education	93	Passed with Distinction	5	12
2021	OCT	PST312-M	Physical Education and Sports Coaching	79	Passed with Distinction	6	12

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Year	Month	Code	Name of Study Unit	%	Comment	NQF level	NQF crds
2021	OCT	PYC150-1	Basic Psychology	83	Passed with Distinction	5	12
2021	OCT	PYC150-2	Psychology in Society	80	Passed with Distinction	5	12
2021	OCT	PYC260-1	Personality Theories	76	Passed with Distinction	6	12
2021	OCT	TPN370-4	Teaching Practice for Intermediate Phase IV	81	Passed with Distinction	7	12
2022	JUN	AFK260-1	Genre and Theme	79	Passed with Distinction	6	12
2022	JUN	AFK260-2	AFRIKAANS GRAMMAR	65	Passed	6	12
2022	JUN	PYC260-2	Child and Adolescent Development	82	Passed with Distinction	6	12
2022	JUN	RSC260-1	Research in Social Sciences	64	Passed	6	12

Total number of NQF credits accumulated: 480

Each credit equates 10 notional hours.

The above qualification has been completed.

Major subject(s):

EDUCATIONAL THEMES

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

CONDUCT : Satisfactory

Language Endorsement: E,A

Yours faithfully


Prof M S Mothata
Registrar



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NWU-Creativity Centre

This is to certify that

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has successfully completed the short learning programme

BASIC WEB PAGE DESIGN

as presented by
Henno Bakker
at the
NWU Creativity Centre

March – May 2016

Francois Pretorius
Manager
NWU Creativity Centre



Certificate OF ATTENDANCE

Awarded To

Tiaan Van Der Merwe

ID Number: 960919 5022 081

MOS: WORD 2016 BASIC

Signed at Roodepoort 25 June 2018

Monica Bayliss



Campus Manager

Signature

Certificate Number: PTACORP18/0366

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Awarded To

Tiaan Van Der Merwe

ID Number: 960919 5022 081

MOS: BASIC EXCEL 2016

Signed at Roodepoort 26 June 2018

Monica Bayliss

Campus Manager

Bayliss

Signature

Certificate Number: PTACORP18/0376

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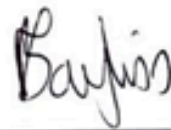
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MOS: BASIC POWERPOINT 2016

Signed at Roodepoort 27 June 2018

Monica Bayliss

Campus Manager



Signature

Certificate Number: PTACORP18/0388

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20 November 2014

HEIL DIE LESER

Dit is besonder aangenaam om te getuig ten gunste van

Tiaan Jacques van der Merwe

Tiaan het hom aan ons as 'n besonder aangename, vriendelike en betroubare leerder, geopenbaar.

Hy benader sy werk met erns en toewyding en sy pligsbesef is prysenswaardig. Dit is sprekend van sy verantwoordelikeheidsin.

Hy is pligsgetrou en hardwerkend en geen opdrag word gering geag nie. Hy is lojaal teenoor sy skool en tree met die nodige respek en agting op teenoor sy meederes en medeleerders.

Vertroue in hom geplaas was nooit misplaas nie. Hy is eerlik en opreg. Hy is netjies op sy persoonlike voorkoms en werk.

Op akademiese gebied het hy besonder uitgeblink in verskeie vakke en verwerf hy 'n akademiese bakkies en verskeie vaksertifikate.

Op elke terrein het hy sy pligte nougeset en korrek uitgevoer en was behulpsaam. Tiaan was altyd lojaal teenoor sy skool en bereid om diens te lewer of te help waar dit nodig mag wees.

Buite skoolverband neem hy lid van 'n musiekgroep by Wilgespruit Gemeente waarin hy pragtig presteer. Vanweë sy akademiese agtergrond, positiewe lewensbeskouing en gebalanseerde lewensuitkyk wens ons hom aan te beveel vir enige betrekking waarvoor hy aansoek mag doen.

Ons weet dat hierdie talentvolle seun oral suksesvol sal wees. Ons mooiste wense vergesel Tiaan op sy verdere lewenspad.


M.S. SCHUTTE
HOOF



20 November 2014

HEIL DIE LESER

Dit is vir ons aangenaam om te getuig in belang van

Tiaan Jacques van der Merwe

Hy was vanaf 2010 tot 2014 verbonde aan Hoërskool Florida en is tans in Graad 12.

Tiaan is 'n stil, vriendelike en betroubare leerder. Hy benader sy skoolwerk met erns. Hy is ywerig en beskik oor deursettingsvermoë. Hy tree hoflik en korrek op teenoor sy meerderes en gelykes.

Tiaan het op akademiese gebied goed gevaar. Tiaan ontvang akademiese balkies asook verskeie vaksertifikate.

Op kulturele gebied het Tiaan hom as 'n musikant onderskei. Hy speel elektriese kitaar in die orkes van sy kerk, Wilgespruit Gemeente.

Tiaan het ook deelgeneem aan muurbal en tennis gedurende sy hoërskooljare.

Vanweë sy positiewe lewensuitkyk beveel ons vir Tiaan met vrymoedigheid aan vir 'n loopbaan van sy keuse. Ons beste wense vergesel Tiaan op sy verdere lewenspad.


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Wie dit mag aangaan

Hierdie is om te bevestig dat mnr Tiaan Jacques van der Merwe (ID 960919502081) 'n onderwyser by Jubilee Christelike Skool was, sedert 1 September 2017 tot 30 September 2018

Hy het Engels Gr 4, 5, 6 en 7 en Natuurwetenskap, Tegnologie, Lewensoriëntering en Sosiale Wetenskappe vir Gr 4 tot Gr. 9 onderrig.

Hy is betroubaar en baie toegewyd. Ek kan hom aanbeveel vir enige pos, want hy is hardwerkend en het 'n passie vir onderwys.

Vriendelike groete

Mev de Villiers
Skoolhoof



Generative AI for Educators Certificate

Completed by Tiaan van der Merwe on
December 9, 2024

This certificate verifies that the learner listed
has successfully completed the two-hour
Generative AI for Educators course.

Score: 92 Completion ID: 354591275