



**Our Values** 

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Rooted In Africa. Prepared For The World.

At Redhill School, our foremost priority is to educate tomorrow's leaders by infusing them with the life skills to master the challenges posed by a rapidly-evolving world.





Redhill students are made differently. They're the embodiment of our ethos, built to honour curiosity, confidence, commitment, courage, and care. Our students are our greatest asset, our greatest reward. The reason we proudly say that our hearts are red.

Our students balance academic rigour with their innate desire to lead. They head to the theatre and sports field with equal vigour, honing their cultural and sporting skills. They seek to be the best version of themselves that they can be, but know that life is not a solo race. Hand-in-hand, they ensure their peers are right alongside them as they cross the finish line.

The Redhill student understands that there's more to a person than a set of marks, a round of applause, a score on a board. It's about the whole being greater than the sum of its parts: intellectually, socially, emotionally, and physically.

It's about walking the halls of those who came before us, knowing that our legacy will be remembered by the students who come after. It's about enjoying what was built before, while understanding our responsibility to keep building and relish the freedom that this offers us. It's knowing that the stones we lay today will be

walked on by those yet to come, so that others, too, can be free to build as we were. As we are,

Redhill's rich history is etched in the very bedrock upon which the school is built. Founded in 1907, Redhill has flourished for over a century. This educational legacy is built into our foundations, but we know that there are hundreds of years yet to come. The world is changing and it demands innovation – we are here to meet that challenge.

Redhill and its students are the vanguard of innovation in South African education without compromising the core tenets of our campus: being non-denominational, secular, progressive and co-educational.

We believe in harnessing the power of our South African roots while still rising to meet the international standards of the world at large. We are committed to providing an excitingly diverse and inclusive community, and thus we welcome applications from families both locally and internationally.

#### **Embracing Diversity. Empowering Excellence.**

We value critical thinking, independence, creativity, initiative, self-reliance, and self-discipline.

We prioritise good citizenship, diversity that goes beyond the surface, and the incorporation of international programmes and global best practices that shape the whole Redhill student.



# Encounter The Redhill Campus



They say it takes a village to raise a child. Redhill School's village begins in the Early Learning Centre, followed by the Junior School. Then our students move to our Middle School and the zenith of their schooling career, the Senior School. Each campus falls under the strategic leadership, vision, and guidance of Executive Head, Mr. Joseph Gerassi.



We believe that each student has boundless potential – that's why we seek out the very best educators to guide our students to become the best they can be.

Staff development is a vital component of Redhill's commitment to providing an exceptional education. Our teachers undergo weekly innovative Professional Development programmes to ensure they remain at the forefront of international educational best practices.

We recognise the importance of advanced academic qualifications and their impact on the quality of education we offer. That's why Redhill supports and funds staff members in pursuing Honours/Masters Degrees or similar qualifications. This commitment has resulted in a significant number of our teachers holding prestigious doctoral degrees (PhDs), further enhancing their expertise and modelling lifelong learning to their students.

By supporting, empowering and mentoring our teachers so they remain at the cuttingedge of global education, they are more likely to remain passionate, inspired, and equipped to nurture the potential of every student who walks through our doors.



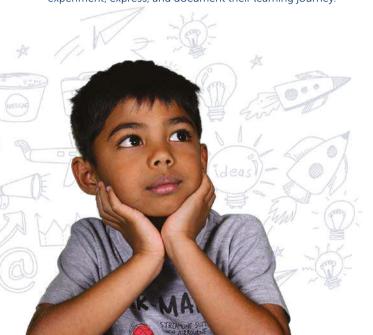


Redhill prides itself on laying the very best foundations for a rich and varied educational future. This is a tiny taste of what innovation looks like in our Early Learning Centre (ELC), which spans KG1, KG2, Grade 0, and Grade 1.



#### The Reggio Emilia Approach

Redhill's Early Learning Centre is inspired by the Reggio Emilia approach where the child, as an innately curious researcher of the world, learns from exploring the environment within the social context of a learning community. Children in our Early Learning Centre are encouraged to question what they see, hear, and experience. Coupled with immersive, imaginative, and exciting learning spaces, facilitated by invested teachers employing a wide variety of educational materials, our Redhill children are free to discover, experiment, express, and document their learning journey.



#### **Groundbreaking New Centre**

We are currently in the building phase of our new state-of-the-art Early Learning Centre scheduled for completion in 2024. This is modelled on the Reggio Emilia philosophy of learning, the role of the environment as the third teacher, and the importance of learning through play.





#### **Learning Without Fear**

What do you get when you take a child eager to learn and remove barriers like formal homework and weekly testing? A child ready to learn without the fear of failure barring the way to development. Redhill students are encouraged to grow their imaginations by reading widely. They thrive while participating in a variety of co-curricular and extracurricular activities, and, after a full day of growing their mental muscles, they get to go home and read and spend quality time with their families without the stress that comes with evening homework battles.

That doesn't mean that our students aren't assessed. With formative, ongoing assessment taking place throughout the year, our students have no need to go through standardised testing at this early stage of their schooling careers. Our teachers keep a close eye on each and every child ensuring that they're where they need to be. We believe kids should be kids and that learning should be fun for as long as possible.

#### **Excellence In Language And Literacy**

Our razor-sharp and highly innovative focus on the development of essential skills in language and literacy includes dedicated specialist coordinators who work tirelessly within each and every class to support and extend our students, laying down solid foundations before they transition into Middle School and continuing to nurture their curiosity and confidence in these vital areas. Our mathematics results in national competitions position us as a top mathematics school in the country.

#### isiZulu Bilingual Programme

We believe that every South African should speak an African language, and there's no shortage of evidence touting the benefits of bilingual immersion on a cognitive, academic, and social level. Our language of choice (in addition to English) is isiZulu.

Taught by a bilingual teacher – experienced in teaching English, isiZulu, and other subjects across multiple grades – this opt-in Grade 2 and 3 bilingual class learns isiZulu Language, Mathematics, and Integrated Studies predominantly in isiZulu. English, Music, Drama, Art, and IT are taught in English, and both isiZulu and English are used for PE and mentor periods. The result is a student comfortable with learning in both languages and able to speak and write bilingually with confidence.



### Middle School

Head: Mrs. Maheshwari Lall

With the foundations and framework in place, it's time to start building. This is a sense of how innovation unfolds in our Middle School, which spans Grades 6, 7, 8, and 9.



### Why Have A Dedicated Middle School

Young teens change – and fast. Research has shown that this age group experiences more rapid physical, intellectual, emotional, and social change than at any other time in their lives, barring the period from birth to age three. Young teens are striving for independence and crave meaningful interactions with adults who are not their parents, to help them navigate social survival, heightened self-awareness, self-esteem challenges, romantic interests, and more.

These specific traits of this age group are part of why we made the informed decision to move towards a model that incorporates a Middle School.

With a dedicated Middle School for Grades 6 to 9, our students bloom through subject specialist teaching, close teacher-student relationships, and the safety, stability, and overall challenge that proves critical for the continued development of self-confidence.

In the Middle School, students have the freedom to build, flex, and extend their leadership skills whilst enjoying a curated curriculum aimed at developing strong conceptual and academic foundations for the Senior School years.

#### Middle Years Programme (MYP)

Perhaps the most appealing facet of our Middle School offering is the fact that we proudly offer the International Baccalaureate®. As an IB World School, our students have the distinct privilege of being able to make an informed decision about whether to choose the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) or Pre-IB Programme in Grade 10. This is one of the key reasons why the Redhill Middle School has opted to adopt the MYP Programme and is currently in the candidature phase of accreditation.

Our curriculum and assessment framework in the Middle School enables our students to draw connections between multiple subject areas, have their learning explicitly linked to the world around them, participate in an additional language as a requirement, and experience a variety of formal and informal assessments.







#### **IEB & International Baccalaureate®**

Redhill is an International Baccalaureate® (IB) World School, and is, as of 2023, one of only three schools in South Africa that provides the Diploma Programme (DP) (Grade 11 and 12) for the IB. Redhill is also unique in that our students have the choice of graduating with either an International Baccalaureate® qualification or an Independent Examinations Board (IEB) qualification. Both IEB and IB qualifications are recognised by national and international tertiary institutions.

It's worth noting that the IB is offered by over 5,000 schools worldwide. According to an IB survey in May 2023, IB students experienced an 18% higher acceptance rate into Ivy League universities compared to other curricula.





#### **Student Leadership**

With Redhill's esteemed century-long legacy, you can scan the names of head boys and girls from decades past on the walls of our Len Miller Hall – but times change. In the last few years, Redhill sought out ways in which a greater number of students could step into leadership positions in a way that mirrors some of the great leadership structures we see in the world around us.

This approach gave rise to the Redhill Student Council (RSC), a highly progressive student leadership structure that epresents the ideas, concerns, and voices of Redhill students.



#### **Prioritising Social and Emotional Wellbeing**

At Redhill School, prioritising the social and emotional wellbeing of our Senior School students is at the forefront of everything we do. We understand the unique pressures they face, including the demands of final exams and the everchanging landscape of the world they are preparing to enter. By fostering a supportive environment that promotes mental health, resilience, and adaptability, we empower our students to navigate these challenges with confidence and prepare them for a successful future.





Redhill's academic rigour is indisputable, but our passion for sports has only grown stronger through the years. Redhill is considered a competitive sporting school with an impressive array of coaches who have honed their skills to perfection. At Redhill, co-curricular sports are an encouraged facet of a well-rounded education. We inspire our students to focus on their health and activity levels, while developing a set of sports-honed morals and values.



In addition to collaboration, teamwork, leadership, integrity and fair play, honesty, and respect, our students acquire skills in their choice of sport, including:

- ✓ Cricket
- ✓ Hockey
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Netball
- ✓ Water Polo
- ✓ Basketball
- Tennis
- ✓ Soccer
- ✓ Rugby

Sporting facilities include the Outspan, Oval, Veldtuin, and Summit fields, the hockey astro, basketball courts, tennis and netball courts, and the smaller "learn to swim" pool.

Our brand new, innovative High Performance Aquatic Centre comprises a state-of-the-art 25m x 25m 10-lane floodlit swimming pool, a fully equipped gym, offices for Redhill sports staff, showers and change-rooms, a yoga studio, and more.

Our High Performance and Wellness Co-Ordinator runs the centre and customdesigned conditioning programmes for the optimal physicality of our students.













## Music, Culture & Arts

The plethora of artistic and creative talents visible on campus is as varied as our student body itself. Our students flock to music, choir, dramatic arts, and dance as swiftly as they are drawn to visual art, design, robotics, and coding. That is, when they're not pursuing radio, film, public speaking, or debating.



There's something for every child at Redhill School, where facilities include the Redhill School of Music, Auditorium, Art Room, Design & Technology Studio, Redhill Film Studio, and the RedRadio Station.

#### The Redhill Music School

The Redhill Music School is housed in a state-of-the-art music centre with 12 individual practice rooms, a fully equipped recording studio, and a large performance venue (complete with a stage and customisable lighting to get a good look at those standing ovations). The Music School is abuzz with students from across the campus attending music lessons, individual instrumental and vocal tuition, orchestra, jazz band, wind band, and choir rehearsals.

In addition to musical knowledge, including a strong focus on digital music production, Redhill musicians are able to develop their critical thinking, analytical, metacognitive, interpersonal, and self-regulation skills. We strongly believe that every child should play a musical instrument, with group lessons taking place within the academic school day from Grade 2.



#### RedRadio & Film Studio

RedRadio, produced "for the students by the students", involves over 40 students who manage, produce, present, and run the station.

Redhill School's Film Studio provides green screen technology, letting students play with special effects. It's a haven for budding cinematographers and serves as a drama and theatre space for small performances. It's also a venue for live-streamed events and students are trained in becoming camera operators and sound technicians, thanks to our top-notch equipment and dedicated sound booth.



#### **Award Winning Productions**

At Redhill, our commitment to innovation extends to our exceptional productions. In 2022, our major production of CABARET garnered significant recognition, winning two prestigious Naledi awards.

The following year, our production of CHICAGO received critical acclaim, further solidifying our reputation for delivering outstanding theatrical experiences. Our major productions provide students with opportunities to showcase their talents and passion for the performing arts, while also fostering creativity and collaboration.









#### From Africa To The World: Empowering Students For A Changing Global Landscape

Redhill is renowned as a world-class learning facility that sets the standard for excellence in education, aligning our offerings with international benchmarks.

We are committed to developing a forwardthinking curriculum that prepares students for the future.

Beginning in our Early Learning Centre, we integrate computational thinking into daily classroom practice. In the Junior School, students embark on a comprehensive Digital Literacy pathway encompassing robotics, coding, 3D design and printing, and app development.

As students progress to the Middle School, they explore Design Thinking and Technology, covering web and gaming design, while also being introduced to IT. In the Senior School, students can choose Senior IT or Integrated Tech: Design as an IEB subject, allowing them to pursue their own technology-related projects with the support of expert consultation, resources, and cutting-edge equipment.

#### Key To Our Offering - The iHub

Opening its doors in 2024/5, Redhill's Innovation Hub (iHub) is a state-of-the-art flexible and collaborative space that encourages creativity, experimentation, and interdisciplinary learning. Equipped with the latest technology, equipment, and resources, the iHub will offer students opportunities to explore and develop innovative ideas while providing mentorship, guidance, and support from faculty and industry experts. At its core, the iHub will provide a space in which to foster a culture of entrepreneurship and inspire students to use their skills to make a positive impact on the world.



# Spirit of Ubuntu

Redhill School is deeply rooted in the principles of Ubuntu, which underpins all that we are and all that we do.

Ubuntu, a powerful African philosophy, emphasises the interconnectedness of humanity and the importance of compassion, empathy, and community. It shapes our core values and serves as the guiding principle in our interactions, fostering an inclusive and nurturing environment.

We continually strive to instill in our students a deep understanding of their responsibility to one another and to society at large. We are passionate about leaving quiet footsteps on the lives of others. Our students conduct annual sanitary pad drives, tutor mathematics to children undergoing cancer treatment, and collaborate with organisations like The Dlala Nje Foundation for creative workshops and support. We engage with causes such as Clothes To Good, the CANSA Shaveathon, the Teddy Bear Clinic, the SPCA, Woodrock, and Forest Farm. Our Enviro Committee leads monthly river clean-ups at the Field and Study Centre, promoting environmental stewardship.

At our core, we believe in leaving people, places and spaces better than we found them, and are committed to leaving a legacy of care and commitment behind us.









## Why Redhill

**Embracing our South African** roots and guided by a global vision, Redhill School is dedicated to pioneering educational transformation. We believe in challenging the status quo, exploring new horizons, and redefining the essence of a truly enriching education.

Our exceptional staff serve as catalysts for this transformative journey. Through continuous professional development and unwavering commitment, they create an environment that fosters growth, sparks innovation. and nurtures a genuine passion for learning.

Driven by the spirit of ubuntu, we prioritise the holistic development of our students. We foster their social. emotional, and physical well-being, nurture their core competencies, and provide an education that extends beyond textbooks. As a result, our students consistently achieve outstanding academic results.

With steadfast dedication, Redhill School has earned its place among the leading educational institutions in South Africa. We inspire the future leaders and innovators, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and resilience needed to shape a brighter world.



