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Branch code: 130627  
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## Who We Are

Prescient Private Academy NPC exists as a biblically based religious organisation that supports families who choose to give their children a Christian education, based in the Christian worldview and moral convictions that are expressed in the School's:

- Vision and Mission statement
- School Values
- Philosophy of Education
- Statement of faith
- Family values

We exist to serve families with whom we partner to train, educate and disciple young people to be confident, secure and influential members of society, modelling the goodness, fame and kindness of God to generations to come.

We believe that our life purpose, identity and significance are only revealed in God and that the purpose of education is to assist children to discover their purpose and identity, and to equip them with the necessary skills to fulfill this purpose in a meaningful way.

We believe in educating the whole child, encompassing the spiritual, mental, intellectual, physical, social and emotional dimensions of the individual and that the spiritual dimension permeates all areas of life and learning.

Our children are encouraged to learn at their best and we teach toward learning for understanding. It is vital that children have critical thinking and problem-solving skills and can apply these in life. The staff at Prescient Primary School aim to create an environment where children can be themselves, feel secure, are nurtured and are taught to be responsible, caring and self-motivated individuals.

At Prescient Primary School, our values guide us in every aspect of school life. These are:

### **CHRIST CENTERED**

We strive towards living according to God's standards and not the standards of the world. To be Christ-like in every endeavour.

*"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1-33*

### **TRUTH**

We submit to God's Word as the absolute truth that governs life and disciplines people towards maturity in relationship with Him.

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16*

## **EXCELLENCE**

We promote the striving towards the achievement of individual excellence in all facets of school and home life.

*"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" Colossians 3:17*

## **INTEGRITY**

We promote an inherent character of honesty where individuals honour themselves and their relationship with others.

*"He who walks with integrity walks securely, But he who perverts his ways will become known" Proverbs 10:9*

## **SERVANTHOOD**

We strive towards the ideal of placing the needs of others before those of the individual.

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45*

## **DIGNITY**

We promote the acceptance of all God's created beings and will strive to accept all mankind's differences of colour, race, ethnicity, culture or ability.

*"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27*

## **LOVE**

We strive towards caring for all of God's people as we would like to be cared for. There is no discrimination in sharing His love with others.

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John 13:34*

## **HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT**

We strive to develop the whole child through our various "Beats":

- **Heart Beat** (Emotional & Spiritual Development)  
We are passionate about developing children spiritually and emotionally.
- **Mind Beat** (Curriculum)  
We value high academic standards.
- **Creative Beat** (Arts and Culture)  
We intentionally expose children to instruments, music, drama and art.
- **Family Beat** (Family Values)  
We believe in the importance of family and aim to foster a sense of belonging where Godly traditions and family values can be upheld and developed in our community. We aim to partner with parents and not replace their role in training up their children. We desire to equip parents on how to invest in their children's lives and foster healthy family relationships.
- **Body Beat** (Sports Development)

We believe learners should be physically and actively involved in their school day

- **Eco Beat** (Sustainable Living)

We aim to create awareness and action around environmental sustainability both in school and the surrounding community.

- **City Beat** (Community Outreach)

We look to partner with the community to serve organisations for the betterment of Amanzimtoti.

*“And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.”  
Luke 2:52*

## History

In 2013 Little Life Pre-Primary school was started, with a passion for education and seeing little lives changed. The Pre-Primary has grown from strength to strength. It was started with just 3 children, and now we have over 90 children. We have seen amazing growth in both the children and staff on our property.

Little Life Pre-Primary is making a significant impact in our community, offering education at a very high standard in a secure, happy and safe environment where children are encouraged to explore the world around them through outdoor play and fun. Our little lives are so happy here that we saw a need to keep growing and start a Primary School.

In 2018, a small team, with a passion and drive to see a Christian Private School opened in the Amanzimtoti area, started preparations and planning to see this dream become a reality and in 2020 the first Grade 1 class was launched. Prescient means “to have foreknowledge”. It is our desire that we equip learners for an ever-changing future and as much as we are not able to predict the future, our hope is that our students develop a sound understanding of the world around them and are able to succeed in every area of life in an ever-changing and developing world.

In 2022, Mrs Jessica Ratcliffe was appointed as Principal of the Prescient Private Academy, which includes Little Life Pre-Primary and Prescient Primary School. We now offer Grades 1 - 4 in 2023 and from January 2024, we will have Grades 1 - 7 available.

Prescient Private Academy NPC (2019/041704/08) is registered with the Department of Education (EMIS:500505087), The Health Department and Department of Social Development.

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## Meet The Team

### **Principal**

Mrs Jessica Ratcliffe

### **Administrators**

Mrs Kerry Climpson (Administrator)

Mrs Sindiswa Zwande (Receptionist)

Mrs Roxanne Verhoef (Head of Finance)

### **Teachers**

Mrs Jenny Walker

Mrs Nicole Russell

Mrs Claire Lanyon

Mrs Nikayla Scott

Miss Anele Mkhize (IsiZulu Teacher)

(Three new members to be added in 2024)

### **Teacher Assistants**

Miss Mkhize

Miss Duvenhage

Mrs Noma Sibindi

### **Sports Department**

Mrs Ciska Elston - Sports Co-ordinator, Swimming Coach and Sports Coach

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## Buildings

The current facilities include the following:

- A large hall (air-conditioned) which is used for assembly and indoor play area
- 4 large air-conditioned classrooms for Grade 1,2,3 & Grade 4
- Bathrooms
- A playground and sports field
- A Coffee-shop and additional toilets
- We have indoor and outdoor toys and resources which will be used to develop a number of skills in a fun and exciting way
- Large swings for both children and staff to enjoy together

- We rent an off-site swimming pool for swimming lessons

Additional land has been earmarked and conceptual building plans for the new school building to be built have already been drawn up. This will require continued fundraising to make this concept a reality in the years to come.

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## Class Size

Prescient Primary School prides itself with small classes. Lower grades 1-3 enjoy access to 1 qualified teacher per class as well as a teacher's assistant. Grades 4-7 will have a qualified teacher per class.

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## Curriculum

Our school curriculum is CAPS aligned according to the departmental standards, however, we strive for a higher standard by using International resources and curricula. We use resources that are rated amongst the best in the world, such as the Cambridge, Singapore and Oxford curriculums, starting from Grade R and up to our highest grade.

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## Assessments

Our school follows a continuous assessment programme. This is achieved by daily verbal assessment between teacher and student, as well as weekly and termly written assessments. Formal examination setting only begins in Grade 7, as we prepare them for their next phase of schooling being High School.

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## Sports & Co-Curriculars

Our school is a member of the KZN Christian Schools Sports Association (KZNCSSA) which affords our learners the opportunity to engage with other Independent Christian schools in terms of sports tournaments and matches. Our learners are privileged to experience tournaments/matches/races at all the big sports stadiums



in KZN. We are proud to be the only school in Amanzimtoti whose learners are invited to compete at district, provincial and national levels from the age of 6 upwards.

We have an extensive co-curricular offering which includes Choir, Chess, Art Club, Skill Building and Coding.

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## School Fees

Please refer to the updated School Fees Schedule for more information on this.

### **Non-payment of fees:**

To ensure the effective running of the school, and in the best interest of pupils and other parents, it is essential that the prescribed terms of payment are strictly adhered to.

1. Pupils whose fees are outstanding equivalent to two months' fees will not be permitted to return to school in the next term.
2. Any pupil whose fee account reflects a balance outstanding at the end of the academic year will not be admitted back to school in the first term of the following year.
3. Money paid to the school for any additional fees such as outings, events, etc. will be allocated to school fees first.
4. Legal action may be taken if payment is not made on time.
5. All non-payment incidents will be kept strictly confidential.

Parents/guardians are to give one term' written notice if their children will be leaving the school.

### Bank details:

Please deposit all fees into the following account:

Account Holder: Prescient Private Academy NPCI

Branch Name: Nedbank Amanzimtoti - 130627

Account Number: **118 521 5840**

Reference: Child's Name and Surname

Kindly email the deposit records as proof of payment to  
[accounts@prescientprimary.co.za](mailto:accounts@prescientprimary.co.za)

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## School Hours

Prescient Primary School is open from Mondays to Fridays except during school holidays and public holidays.

1. School opens at 07:00
2. School hours:  
Grade 1- 7:  
07:30 - 14:00 (Mon-Thu) and 07:30 – 12:00 (Friday) (Subject to change)
3. Co-curriculars are run within the normal school day and are compulsory for all learners.
4. Aftercare is offered from after school until 17:00 (excluded from school fees)
5. Optional extra-murals may be run after 14:00

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## Uniforms

Uniforms are as follows:

1. Summer Uniform and school shoes
2. Winter Tracksuit
3. School Jersey
4. Hats (optional)
5. Physical Education kit and takkies
6. Swimming Costume and swimming cap

## Injuries

The safety of your child is one of our number one priorities, however, should injuries occur our staff are more than capable of administering first aid.

Our staff are trained and updated routinely in first aid and will be able to administer first aid where necessary - first aid certificates are available for your perusal on request. A fully-stocked first aid box will always be at hand. Please let us know on the enrolment form if your child has any allergies.

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## Meals

All children are required to bring their own bottles of water and juice. No soda or energy drinks will be permitted.

We encourage parents to pack healthy, nutritious lunches. Sugary treats will be sent back to enjoy at home.

The Coffee Shop on site provides wholesome lunches for our learners which can be ordered and paid daily for via the KARRI App.

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## Admission Procedure

This admissions procedure adheres to the South African Schools act and to the principles contained in the constitution, as well as to other applicable legislation.

**Preference will be given to the Grade R learners at Little Life Pre-Primary.**

1. When the application forms have been completed, kindly submit it together with all the required documentation to Prescient Primary School together with the application fee of R500. This can be done via email to [admin@prescientprimary.co.za](mailto:admin@prescientprimary.co.za) or can be hand delivered to the admissions officer.

2. If the child meets the admission requirements, then an interview or 1 day assessment for kids coming into Grade 2 and higher, will be scheduled with the parents/guardians and with the child.
3. During the interview process, the child may be asked to complete a few assessments which shall enable us to assess their readiness.
4. If the interview is successful, the parents/guardians will receive a fee agreement and an enrolment form.
5. The parents/guardians must then complete the following:
  - a. Read and sign the enrolment form (includes fee agreement);
  - b. Pay the registration fee (See Fee Schedule);
  - c. Pay the first month's installment of the annual school fees (See Fee Schedule).
6. Once the enrolment form has been signed and the registration fee as well as the first month's installment of the annual school fees has been paid then the child will start at Prescient Primary School.
7. Kindly take note that applications will be accepted even if the school is full. If the application is successful, then the child will be put onto a waiting list and the parents will be advised accordingly.

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## Other Policies

We have a policy file with various other policies in it regarding individualized topics. Please ask the administrator if you wish to view them.

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