



Hoërskool Roodepoort

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Congratulations to our newly elected RCL group! We are proud of the leaders in our school and we look forward to seeing what you are capable of doing during your year in office!

RCL Representatives of 2020 (As voted for per register class)

CLASS	FEMALE	MALE
8-1	Shaylin Arendze	Jonathan Biose
8-2	Thando Maseko	Olerato Katisa
8-3	Wanga Shongwe	Joshua van der Host
8-4	Meagan Ward	Alesandro Fischer
8-5	Makgotso Kolobe	Thandolwethu Khumalo
8-6	Jeanett Nkomo	Cebolenkosi Ngculu
8-7	Hunadi Phogole	Shaydon Joseph
8-8	Lesedi Kgori	Mokhele Tladi
9-1	Maphuti Tebele	Kgopotso Mosopa
9-2	Precious Murothela	Zackery Allie
9-3	Thaakirah Abrahams	Kyle Gerber
9-4	Ninizana Mashinini	Tholoana Selongoana
9-5	Phumelele Nondzaba	Nethi Malinga
9-6	Taylor Bartlett	Luyanda Cenge
9-7	Nokothula Dinga	Luyanda Thebe
10-1	Galalelo Maitse	Aiden Stringer
10-2	Tlotlo Mocwiri	Tshwarelo Moremi
10-3	Bahle Dube	Rorisang Phuduhudu
10-4	Mpho Phiri	Lwandle Radebe

10-5	Reabetwe Ntaje	Kelvin Muneri
10-6	Kaylee Harmse	Ansley Dillner
10-7	Nhlanhla Ndala	Gift Mokhasi
10-8	Mikateko Sithole	Tshegofatso Ntamela
11-1	Charlize Peters	Mofenyi Ramalatsoa
11-2	Nobuhle Sibeko	Joe Sibanda
11-3	Nkosingphile Mabaso	Olebogeng Mokaleng
11-4	Ofentse Masilela	Kagiso Kobue
11-5	Nokwanda Motswiri	Thato Nyembe
11-6	Bontlefela Mnculwane	Moeketsi Moletsane
11-7	Aai'sha le Roux	Sean Kunene
12-1	Layla Harmen	Jonel Albuquerque
12-2	Dzambile Lukhele	Lutholwethu Mapolisa
12-3	Thabang Ramusi	Keamogetswe Moloto
12-4	Kieya Diegaart	Larnelle Houghton
12-5	Lesedi Molefe	Thabang Mweli
12-6	Alicia Werner	Mduduzi Mthethwa



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SCAN ME

GRADE 12 SIGN-UP

SCAN ME

GRADE 8-11 SIGN-UP

Important **INFORMATION**

Late Commers

It is of the utmost importance that learners are on time for school. Lately we have been experiencing a higher number of learners arriving late for school. ALL learners need to be on the school grounds by 07:25. Being on time for the start of the day ensures that optimal academic time is available throughout the day.

Dropping off of Learners

The safety of all our learners is a matter of importance to us. We request that parents drop their children at school on time. When dropping of children, please park in the allocated areas and not in front of any gates, or in the middle of the road. The road in front of the school is a very busy main route and when parents park in the road it causes unnecessary chaos.

Text Books

All parents please note that learners in all grades have now received text books. We request that parents ensure these text books are covered and handled with respect and care. The text books are an immense expense to the school and it will be highly appreciated if these books are taken care off.

Text Book – coordinators:

Ms. Lizette Bloem (Head Coordinator)

Ms. Cecilia Hartzenberg (Grade 8 + 9)

Text Book Storerooms:

Grade 8 + 9 Text book Storeroom is open every Tuesday and Thursday during break.

Grade 10 + 11 Text book Storeroom is open every Tuesday and Thursday during break.

Grade 12 Text book Storeroom is open every Monday during break.

Cellular and Electronic Devices

The use of cellular phones during classes has been a huge concern for the staff of our school over an extended period. Learners have shown little regard for the policy of our school not to use cellular phones during school hours and it is an administrative nightmare to deal with. After careful consideration, the SGB and Management Team of the school have concluded that it will serve the best interest of the learners of Hoërskool Roodepoort to ban the use and possession of cellular phones and electronic devices completely during school hours as from the start of the school year in 2020.

There has been an escalation in the use of cellular phones in cheating during tests and exams throughout 2019. Learners are distracted in class and find resourceful ways to circumvent our existing policy of not using cellular phones during school hours, to such an extent that the policy has been rendered ineffective.

The monetary value of cellular phones and other electronic devices has increased to such an extent that they are now targeted by fellow learners with devious intentions and the staff do not have the time or resources to investigate lost or stolen devices. Learners are also targeted by thieves in the streets around the school premises owing to the value of the devices that they carry in their possession. Cellular phones and electronic devices have become a real danger (even to the life) of learners.

Research from first world countries across the world indicates there is a growing tendency to ban cellular phones and electronic devices completely from the school environment. France, Japan, Australia, and even many states in the USA are imposing total bans in primary and secondary schools. The evidence is also mounting that excessive “screen time” is harmful to the health of teenagers.

Smartphones are a major impediment to learning and a scourge in the classroom environment. Many teachers argue that they are a constant distraction and a barrier to in-person communication, placing teachers in the position of having to interrupt instruction to call students back on task.

The high cost of data in South Africa make it impractical to use smartphones as a tool in classroom research in our school. The school and its staff will and always have gone the extra mile to assist learners with access to research and the Internet. The new Media Centre that will also be operational in 2020 will be available to learners for research projects.

Scientific research suggests that smartphones may fundamentally undermine a child’s ability to learn or focus on one subject/topic for an extended period of time. ***“It doesn’t take a scientist to tell you that cell phones can be distracting, but if you want confirmation from a scientist, it’s not hard to find. Study after study shows that the powerful computers, we keep in our pockets can be distracting for even the most disciplined of adults – not to mention students.”*** – Abigail Hess, CNBC

Sexting; cyberbullying; Googling test answers; taking snaps of a test and sending it to friends who have the same class later in the day; paying more attention to Instagram notifications than the Mathematics teacher; taking photos or recording videos of fellow learners or staff members and posting it on social media (with potential to spiral out of control and costly legal matters) are all considerations to take note of. Parents should also be aware of the fact that they are the legal custodians responsible for every (irresponsible) action that their moody teenager takes in a

moment of anger or sudden rush of blood. It can culminate in parents losing the right to a cellular contract in the future.

The time has never been more appropriate to remove cellular phones completely from the school environment and to reclaim wasted learning/teaching time of our learners. We are well aware that this is a bold step being taken and therefore Hoërskool Roodepoort urgently appeals to parents to strengthen us in making a major positive change in the lives of the learners in our school.

The new policy for cellular phones and electronic devices that will be enforced from January 2020, is included for your information. The school will make every effort to ensure that all learners will be able to contact their parents in the case of an emergency.

Policy for Cellular phones and electronic devices

Hoërskool Roodepoort is a cellular phone/electronic device-free zone. Cellular phones/electronic devices are not allowed to be in the possession of learners during school hours (from 7:30 to 14:00). Learners are encouraged to leave cellular phones at home. If a cellular phone is essential because of logistical reasons, the following procedure must be followed:

- ✓ The cellular phone/electronic device must be switched off and **handed in for safekeeping before the start of the school day.**
- ✓ It is the responsibility of a learner to be on time to hand in his/her phone/electronic device for safekeeping **before 07:25**. Acceptance of phones/electronic devices for safe-keeping will end at 07:25.
- ✓ The cellular phone/electronic device will be returned from safekeeping **at the end of the school day, from 14:10.**
- ✓ **No cellular phone/electronic device will be returned to learners for whatever reason during school hours.**
- ✓ **Hoërskool Roodepoort will not accept any responsibility for the safe-keeping of any phone/electronic device. Any Learner who brings a phone to the school and hand it in for safe- keeping, does so entirely on his/her own responsibility and at his/her own risk.**
- ✓ **Hoërskool Roodepoort will not be liable if the phone/electronic device is lost or damaged.**
- ✓ Any cellular phone/electronic device/cellular phone accessories found in the possession of a learner during school hours, will be confiscated.
- ✓ **ANY CELLULAR PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT IS CONFISCATED:**
 - will be retained for a minimum period of **10 school days** (from the day following confiscation of the device).
 - alternatively, a confiscated cellular phone/electronic device will only be released on presentation of a proof of payment of a **penalty fee of R200**, from the Financial Office.
 - release of a confiscated cellular phone/electronic device will only take place **after school hours and only after all devices in safe keeping for the day have been returned to learners.**

Failing to adhere to the cellular phone and electronic device policy of Hoërskool Roodepoort is deemed to be of a serious nature and is classified on **Category C-level** (-30 Demerits/Direct Detention/Possible External Disciplinary Hearing and possible expulsion from the school).

- ✓ No Learner is allowed to take any picture, video-record or voice-record any educator, fellow-learner, staff or event on the school grounds of Hoërskool Roodepoort, unless expressive permission has been granted prior to the event (in compliance to the POPI act (Act 4 of 2013). Non-compliance to the POPI-act is considered to be of a very serious nature and is classified on Category C-level (-30 Demerits/ Direct Detention/Possible External Disciplinary Hearing and possible expulsion from the school).
- ✓ The taking of any picture/image, video recording and/or voice recording of any Staff member of Hoërskool Roodepoort or any other individual on or around the premises of Hoërskool Roodepoort is deemed to be of a very serious nature and is classified on Category C-level (-30 Demerits, External Disciplinary Hearing and possible expulsion from the school).

The school will endeavour to assist all learners to contact their parents in an emergency situation on reasonable grounds.



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