



Stanford Lake College



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ACADEMIC FAQs

Is Afrikaans compulsory for foreign students?

If a pupil has moved to South Africa after their Grade 7 year, they are exempt from doing Afrikaans. When they reach their Grade 10 year, they are then required to take 4 choice subjects.

What were your 2023 Matric results?

Along with our 100% pass rate, we are very pleased that 91% of our pupils passed with a Bachelor's degree (2.4% higher than the IEB national average for Bachelor passes) allowing them to pursue studies at university. This is an excellent achievement. Our Dux, Rajveer Gohil, earned 7 distinctions including an A* (90%) for Further Studies Maths. Our Proxime accessit and last year's Headboy, Kian Noné, earned a credible 5 distinctions including an A* (94%) for Further Studies Maths. All too often we only focus on the top achievers but this year we are particularly proud of the young men and women who consistently perform well in the middle of the grade during their time at Stanford. These pupils have managed to add an average of 5-7% to their marks over the past year.

Do you offer extra academic support to pupils in need?

Pupils identified as needing extra support are required to sit an external assessment. The result of which needs to be shared with the Independent Examination Board (IEB). After this, the extra time, reading assistance or scribe assistance can be implemented. Our Matric pupils also offer an Academic Assist programme that helps pupils in younger grades. Teachers are available after hours to offer extra support.

SUBJECT CHOICES

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

Stanford Lake College offers a wide variety of subjects within the IEB framework

GRADE 8 AND GRADE 9

(In Grade 8 and 9, all subjects are compulsory)

- Accounting
- Afrikaans First Additional Language (*This is not compulsory for cross-border students who have never been taught Afrikaans*)
- Business Studies
- Computer Literacy
- Creative Arts
- English Home Language
- Geography
- History
- Life Sciences
- Mathematics
- Outdoor Education (Dream an' Do)
- Performing Arts
- Physical Sciences
- Sepedi
- Trees (Cognitive Education)
- Visible Wellbeing

SUBJECT CHOICES

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

GRADE 10, 11 AND 12

Compulsory Subjects

- Afrikaans First Additional Language
- English Home Language
- Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy
- Life Orientation (LO)

Three choice subjects from:

- Accounting
- Business Studies
- Computer Applications Technology (CAT)
- Geography
- History
- Information Technology (IT)
- Life Sciences
- Physical Sciences
- Visual Arts

Additional choice subjects:

- Further Studies Mathematics
- Further Studies English

BOARDING

Our boarding houses are a place for social development, providing endless opportunities for self-discovery, individual growth and making friends for life. The secure and structured environment is designed to recognise and nurture individuals for who they are. The boarding houses are modern and comfortable and every effort is made to ensure that students are happy and productive.

Each boarding house is supervised by a senior house parent who lives in an attached residence.

70%

of SLC pupils are boarders

15%

of pupils are from cross-border countries

5

boarding houses (2 boys & 3 girls)

BOARDING FAQs

How many students are boarders?

Approximately 70% of students are boarders, of whom nearly one third are termly boarders. The rest are weekly boarders who go home every weekend.

Are there additional costs for termly boarders?

Pupils wishing to stay in the boarding houses over the weekend pay an additional cost of R378.00 per weekend via the ALLXS system. Weekly boarders must make prior arrangements for staying in.

BOARDING FAQs

What activities are available to termly boarders on the weekends?

Duty staff schedule weekend activities such as going for a hike, rafting on the lake, attending a local market or visiting Mall of the North in Polokwane, under the supervision of a staff member and with the proviso that duty staff are able to accommodate numbers.

Do the boarding houses have a laundry service?

There is a laundry service and schedules are set for each boarding house. Weekly boarders are asked to take their bedding home to be washed at the weekends. Each child must have their own laundry bag and sock bag for washing. All clothing items are to be clearly marked.

What are the bathroom facilities and their configuration?

Each boarding house differs slightly, but it works out to about four pupils per shower. Each toilet and shower is contained in its own cubicle.

How many pupils share a room?

The largest room size in any of the boarding houses is a four-person room. Many are two-person.

Are pupils allowed bar fridges in their rooms or is there access to a fridge?

All boarding houses have a communal lounge with a fridge, microwave and kettle. Only Grade 11 and 12 pupils are allowed a bar fridge in their rooms.

TRANSPORT

Stanford Lake College offers the following transport for students at an additional cost and only by prior arrangement:

STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE TO TZANEEN

We have a daily bus that runs collects Day Scholars in the morning in Tzaneen and drops them off in the afternoon again (Monday to Friday)

STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE TO POLOKWANE

We have a bus that collects our weekly boarders in Polokwane on a Monday morning and drops them off again on a Friday afternoon.

STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE TO O.R TAMBO / MIDRAND

At the beginning and end of each term, we run a bus between SLC and O.R Tambo International Airport and Midrand for those needing to catch a flight home or for those residing in the Gauteng area.



OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Adventure is a cornerstone of education at Stanford Lake College. Adventure racing, mountain biking, kayaking, wall climbing, abseiling, rafting, orienteering, archery and wilderness expeditions form part of our outdoor curriculum, teaching skills that push beyond the restrictions of the classroom.

We take the safety of our students extremely seriously and all adventure classes, trips and expeditions are conducted by professionally trained expedition leaders.

Pupils in Grade 8 and 9 spend one full day per fortnight (three lessons per week) attending Outdoor Education lessons at the Dream an' Do Centre and enjoy two different expeditions each year.



Adventure Sports:

- Adventure Racing
- Climbing
- Fly Fishing
- Kayaking
- Mountain Biking

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Stanford Lake College students have the opportunity to represent the school in a number of cultural activities annually including productions, Eisteddfods, debating competitions, as well as external Music and Drama examinations. One of the most loved events on the school's annual calendar is the house singing competition, where each boarding house competes to be crowned the champions. On a biannual basis, the school puts together a Talent Showcase as well as a musical or school play.

There is also a weekly culture period, where all students choose an activity of their choice each term. The culture options for clubs and societies (which include drama, music, percussion, and choir) prove to be very popular among the pupils.

Clubs & Societies:

- Adventure
- Art & Media
- Board Games
- Chess
- Conversational Afrikaans
- Conversational Sepedi
- Dance
- Debating
- Djembe & Marimbas
- Electronics & Robotics
- Environmental Club (Green Badgers)
- Fly Fishing
- Knitting
- Movie Club
- Photography
- Read with Me
- Round Square
- Community Partnership
- Technical Drawing

SPORTS OFFERINGS

Stanford Lake College offers a wide range of traditional as well as adventure sporting opportunities for all students. Our students are taught to compete with purpose, to strive for excellence and always compete within the school's value system of fair play and sportsmanship.

A full range of sports activities is offered at Stanford. Sport is compulsory for all and students must choose at least one sport per term.

Traditional Sports:

- Athletics
- Cricket
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby
- Soccer
- Squash
- Swimming
- Tennis



GENERAL FAQs

How many terms do you have?

We have four terms, with two mid-term breaks that occur during Terms 1 and 3.

What sort of security is provided on the premises?

There is a strict daily schedule for students in boarding, our entire premises is electrically fenced and there is only one main entrance via the security gate that is manned 24/7. There is a keypad lock at the main entrance to all the boarding houses and we have 24-hour CCTV in operation. Driver licences are scanned upon entry and there is a strict driver's sign-out policy for all pupils.

What other additional costs may a parent incur, other than school fees?

The tuition fees include print stationery, Trek fees, Olympiads and IEB examination fees. The only additional cost/fee that will be charged to the school fee account is textbook charges (the reason for this being that the cost of books varies from subject to subject). Books returned by pupils at the end of the year are credited against the textbook charges for the new year. All optional extras will be driven through the online platform, ALLXS, including bus fares, uniform, weekend meals, sports and cultural tours, courses, etc.



GENERAL FAQs

Do you offer an Open Day?

We host an Open Weekend every year during the month of March for prospective Grade 6s and 7s and their parents. It's a fun-filled 24 hours with many activities. We also offer private tours to applicants from other grades by prior arrangement.

Does the school have an anti-bullying programme?

Bullying at Stanford Lake College is taken very seriously and is a Level 3 Transgression in the Student Code of Conduct. All students, staff and parents have a right to report any forms of bullying.

Is there a sick bay and trained nurse on site?

Our newly built sanatorium was completed in 2023. We have a full-time Sanatorium Sister living on campus and a consultant Doctor when required.

Is there internet connectivity for pupils?

WiFi is available on campus and in the boarding houses. However, the WiFi in the boarding houses is switched off at 22:00 in order to promote healthier sleeping patterns.

What is your policy on devices?

Day Scholars and Grade 10, 11 and 12 pupils are permitted to have mobile devices at school but they must be switched off during academic hours. Grade 8 and 9 boarding pupils are only allowed their cellphones from 17:00 - 18:45, Monday to Thursday. Further, we implement Device Free Days for all our pupils.



GENERAL FAQs

Does the Dining Hall have a general plan for the week?

Our outsourced catering company, Feedem, create a meal plan per term. This is made available for parents and pupils to view on the D6 Connect app.

What does your Pastoral Care programme look like?

We have several levels of Pastoral Care available to our students. Stanford Lake College follows a Visible Wellbeing programme developed by Professor Lea Waters. This approach aims to provide both students and staff with a psychological toolkit that allows them to lead flourishing lives where they are able to feel and function at their best. The programme is overseen by Mr Shane Friedrichs: Deputy Head and Ms Happiness Chauke, the School Counsellor, who is responsible for all counselling initiatives.

