

**MODDERFONTEIN
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2025

Information Pack



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A note from the Chief Inspiration Officer's desk

As we start another incredible year at Modderfontein Academy, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you.

Much like the sentiment behind the 'Modderfontein Academy Difference', I am not your average school principal with my bright pink hair, 'tekkies', tats and denim jacket. I get to be 100% authentically ME while doing what I love! Not only am I accepted for my 'out-of-the-box' approach and appearance but embraced and adored by our amazing students and teachers. This brings me so much joy because it means that we are succeeding in practicing inclusivity.

I am not 'another brick in the wall', none of us are. We celebrate the things that make us unique because we know that we all have something special to bring to the table. This is fundamental to our brand - I like to think of it as nurturing the 'creative edge' we each have within us.

The very definition of **Creative Edge** is as follows:

1 having the ability or power to create. 2 characterized by originality of thought or inventiveness; having or showing imagination. a creative mind. 3 designed to or tending to stimulate the imagination or invention.

I am excited for another remarkable year ahead filled with special memories, passion and dedication. I am truly grateful for the unwavering support of our valued parents, as well as the resilience and dedication displayed by my phenomenal team.

Modderfontein Academy is not only my business and my 'baby', but also my gift. It's my opportunity to do more for others and contribute towards a new era of education.

I look forward to a new and exciting chapter and the many opportunities and achievements it brings.

With warm regards,

Tamsynn Lipchick



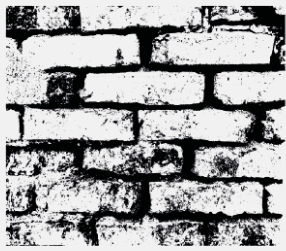
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THE START OF 2025

REGISTRATION

- All current parents must complete the re-registration process during October/November 2024
- We will be holding an orientation day for all students on Tuesday 16 January 2024 details of this will follow.

STATIONARY REQUIREMENTS

- Stationery lists will be emailed to you.
- Stationery can be obtained from any supplier.
- Textbooks can be purchased from PNA Greenstone.
- **Please note that there may be a waiting period of up to 2 months to receive the textbooks, so please order in advance.**
- If your child has existing stationery, they are more than welcome to use them rather than buying new ones.

Grade 7 – AS Levels

- Learners will receive their textbooks which are included.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR TO SCHOOL?

While the individuality of each child is encouraged at Modderfontein Academy, it is expected that learners will dress respectfully and modestly as ambassadors of the school.

WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD BRING TO SCHOOL?

- The stationery and textbook lists are available from the office. It is compulsory for each child to have the set of prescribed textbooks.
- Textbooks and stationery should be clearly labelled and kept in a labelled pencil bag or box. It is the responsibility of each student to take care of their own textbooks, workbooks, and stationery.

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- A “locker” will be allocated to each child where they can store their belongings during the school day.
- Please ensure that the necessary books are taken home at the end of the day and that all homework is completed and up to date.
- Students should wear/bring suitable shoes and clothing for their weekly Physical Education lesson.
- Arts and Culture lessons take place on a Friday – It is recommended that you bring a large old t-shirt to wear over clothes for messy art activities. Comfortable drama clothes are recommended for drama lessons. These can be left at school.
- Please ensure your child has a cap and sunscreen during our hot summer months.

School times	Class starts	Class ends	Fridays
Foundation Phase Stage 0 - 3	08H00	13H00	13H00
Intermediate Phase Stage 4 - 6	08H00	13H30	13H00
Senior Phase Stage 7 - AS Levels & GED	08H00	13H30	13H00

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

The Department of Education expects us to keep detailed records of school attendance, which is submitted each month to the regional office. It is vital for your child to attend school regularly. Should s/he be unable to attend school, please call the office in the morning. Upon return, an explanatory note is expected. Please refer to the Code of conduct, Annexure “D” in the enrolment pack. It is the responsibility of the child to discuss and arrange with the relevant teachers regarding work that has been missed.

LUNCHES AND REFRESHMENTS

- Please provide your children with healthy lunches and plenty of water.
- There is a basic tuckshop at school.
- Please limit your children’s sugar and fizzy drink intake.
- Sugary treats that are sent in your child’s lunchbox should be limited to a Friday.

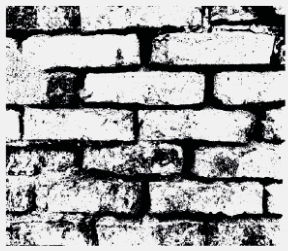
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SAFETY

If someone other than a parent is fetching your child from school, please call the office to let the school know.

- Please ensure that we have your most recently updated contact and emergency information, so that we can communicate with you efficiently.
- Please note that it is your responsibility to keep the office informed of any change of contact details, address, or any other necessary information.

All forms for the Student File must be complete and supporting documentation submitted. This is a Department of Education requirement and failure to do so will jeopardise your child's enrolment at Modderfontein Academy.

ACTIVITIES

Physical Education classes once a week with a personal instructor. These lessons teach basic sports skills and build general fitness. Participation is important for the development of healthy social and competitive skills.

Arts and / or cultural activities will take place on a Friday. These important lessons develop perceptual and creative skills and are an excellent way for children to express themselves freely.

ACADEMY OUTINGS

Outings are an important part of supporting the learning process and Modderfontein Academy. As we do not have a school bus, and as teachers are not permitted to transport students under any circumstances, we rely on parents to assist with transport to and from various venues. If parents are unable to assist, we will enlist the help of a transport company.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Modderfontein Academy has an open-door communication policy. Please approach us with any concerns so that we can attend to the problem. Good parent-school communication is a vital component of the education process.

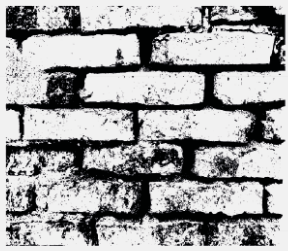
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Our preferred means of communication is on WhatsApp groups. Please respect that these are forums for conveying general information. Should you have any issues pertaining to your child, please respect the group and send a private message to Tamsynn or the relevant teacher.

Tamsynn and the teachers are available until 17h00 on weekdays only. Please respect teachers' weekends and family time. Remember that teachers are busy in the classrooms during the day and may not respond immediately to your call or message.

Parent Teacher sessions are held throughout the year. Should you wish to discuss any urgent issues with Tamsynn and/or a teacher please contact Tamsynn on 083 326 1112.

DICIPLINE AT MODDERFONTEIN ACADEMY

The aim at Modderfontein Academy is to solve discipline issues with insight, patience, and discussions. Should any more serious offences occur disciplinary action will follow. Please refer to the Code of conduct, Annexure "D" in the enrolment pack

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Modderfontein Academy believes in teaching our children about the importance of serving others. As part of the school's curriculum requirements, each child is expected to complete a minimum of 15 hours of Community Service during the academic year - this can be broken up into 5 hours a term. We are aware that our younger grades are too young to complete their hours at a place of service and so their community service can be in the form of helping those in their immediate community or family circle. They can wash cars, walk dogs, mow the lawn, clean up the area or do any other act of service that does not result in them getting a physical reward i.e., payment or reward stickers. For their hours to be recognised, each child needs to present a letter from the place at which they completed their hours, stating where they helped, what they did and the number of hours that were completed.

We also support various charities and encourage learners to participate together with Modderfontein Academy to contribute wherever possible.

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