



Hoërskool Marais Viljoen

Marais Viljoen High School



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Parents / Guardians:

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At Marais Viljoen we strive towards helping each learner to face the fast-changing world on his/her own terms. However, this process is not possible without the support from you, the parent, and therefore we are frankly bringing the following to your attention, asking for your support:

1. ACADEMICS

We are writing a test series during this term, consisting of 2 hour test papers, in lieu of writing a proper June examination. This will expose the learners to longer papers, but also allow the teachers to carry on teaching the syllabus. Thus we have decided, after careful consideration, to write tests on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, while still having the 7 periods, albeit shortened to 30 minutes each. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be normal school days and no class tests will be scheduled on these days.

Please make certain that your child arrives at school in time. No learner will be allowed to sign out early after a test, except in case of an emergency, for which some form of proof will be required. Should a learner be absent on a test day, he/she MUST hand in a medical certificate, otherwise a zero will be given for that test. Learners MUST NOT stay home on Tuesdays or Thursdays, since the teachers are carrying on teaching the prescribed syllabus, and he/she would lose too much work. Learners who sign out on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday after a test will receive -30 demerits, and learners who are absent on a Tuesday or Thursday, will receive -50 demerits.

Smart watches and cell phones must be switched off during a test session and not be visible. Should an invigilator see such a watch or phone, the matter will be treated according to departmental rules as an IRREGULARITY. ALL the teachers are available on Mondays 14:15-15:15 for extra classes in all the subjects, without any cost to the parent. Please ensure that your child avails him/herself of these classes should he/she need any help.

2. APPEARANCE

The appearance of our learners has always been Marais Viljoen's pride and joy...therefore we have regular inspections to make sure that our learners look their best!

Please make sure that your child abide by the rules of appearance from the time he/she leaves your house until he/she returns. A jersey may NEVER be worn alone, without a blazer. They may wear a pull over without a blazer, or a blazer alone, but never just a jersey. No learner may carry his/her blazer in his/her hand.

Should your son shave his hair along the sides with a number 1, the length at the top may not be longer than 3cm. However, should the sides be shaved with a number 3, the top may be 5cm in length. The hair may not touch the ears, eyebrows or collar.

Girls may wear EITHER full summer OR full winter uniform. Winter uniform consists of: black tights, a long sleeved shirt and a tie, but a blazer is optional (on warmer days). However, a girl may not wear her jersey alone. No girl in grade 8-11 may colour her hair; only grade 12 girls have leave to do that, within bounds.

3. COVID – 19

It is important not to become less vigilant regarding the virus. Your child has to wear a mask at all times, not only at school, but also anywhere in public. The one metre distance must be kept and hands must be sanitised frequently.

Should your child or any family member show any signs of the flu or any other Covid-related symptoms, please keep him/her at home until you have confirmed that it is not Covid. We find that learners get sick at home, and then come to school and infect others.

Your child must leave the school premises in the afternoons as soon as possible. Please be punctual when you pick them up. When we are allowed to have scheduled sports practice again, your child may attend but has to be picked up immediately afterwards.

Learners must under no circumstances wait for transport on school premises or on the pavements in front of the school.

4. GOVERNING BODY

We would like to introduce the new members of the school's governing body to you:

Chairman: Mr Chris Jacobs

Deputy: Mr Carel van Westing

Treasurer: Mr Ernest Bailey

Secretary: Ms Amanda Steyn

Members: Mr Hendrik Jansen, Mr Tinus Naudé, Mr Niel van Wyk, Mr Wynand Swart, Mr Frik Putter, Mrs Martie Heystek, Mr Helgard Müller, Dr Johlet Krause, Mrs Adri Shaw, Mr Ryno Luus en Mr Paul Els.

We wish them all the best for their term of service. May the rest of the term, including the test series, be a good one!

Kind regards


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PRINCIPAL

LEADER IN COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION