



LORETO CONVENT SCHOOL

LEARNING AND LEADING IN LOVE AND JUSTICE

School Prospectus

2026 Edition

Heritage in the City, Future in the World

Nana Sita Street, Pretoria CBD, 0002

Tel: +27 (0)12 000 0000 · loreto.co.za

Catholic Independent School · Founded 7 June 1878

Welcome

EDUCATION WITH SOUL IN THE HEART OF THE CITY

Welcome to Loreto Convent School. Founded on 7 June 1878, we are the oldest school in Pretoria in continuous operation — and we have never stopped evolving.

In 2026, we stand as a beacon of Catholic excellence in the vibrant CBD, offering a safe, disciplined, and forward-thinking environment. We are co-educational from Grade RRR to Grade 7, and an all-girls school from Grade 8 to Grade 12.

We do not simply teach the curriculum; we form character. Guided by the values of Mary Ward — Truth, Justice, Sincerity, Freedom, and Joy — we raise young people who have the courage to speak truth to power.

“Women in time to come will do much.” — Mary Ward, Foundress — Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1609

OUR LEGENDARY HISTORY

7 June 1878

Three Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Mother Margaret Mary Jolivet, Mother Joseph Colahan, and Mother Teresa Colahan — opened the school with 26 pupils.

1899

During the Anglo-Boer War, President Paul Kruger personally guaranteed the safety of the nuns, declaring they would be the first to be protected.

1970s

Loreto was among the first schools to defy apartheid, opening its doors to learners of all races — and was banned from the City Hall as punishment. A badge of honour we carry with pride.

Our Identity

Founded on 7 June 1878, Loreto Convent School is the oldest school in Pretoria in continuous operation.

School Type	Catholic Independent School
Pre-school	Grade RRR, RR, and R — Co-educational (24)
Primary School	Grade 1 to Grade 7 — Co-educational (194)
High School	Grade 8 to Grade 12 — Girls only (294)
Curriculum	CAPS (Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement)
Ethos	Rooted in the Gospel, open to all faiths

THE SCHOOL CREST



Maria Regina Angelorum — Our Lady, Queen of Angels

The Cross	Sign of our salvation
The Sacred Heart	Source of the infinite love of Jesus for each one of us
The Heart of Mary	Our human model and inspiration
The Anchor	Symbol of hope

Cruci dum Spiro fido

Throughout my life, I shall place my hope in the Cross

OUR PEOPLE

Educators	39
Admin Staff	5
Support Staff	4

Attendance at Mass and Religious Education is central to our school life. We welcome families of all faiths who share our commitment to values-based education.

Academic Excellence

THE 2026 CURRICULUM

Foundation Phase

Grades R to 3 Our Foundation Phase focuses on literacy, numeracy, and play. We build the concrete foundation before the abstract demands of later years. Both boys and girls learn together in a nurturing environment.

Intersen Phase

Grades 4 to 7 Learners transition to independent learning with specialist subjects and digital literacy. This phase remains co-educational, preparing all learners for the rigours of high school.

High School

Grades 8 to 12 — Girls only Our high school offers the National Senior Certificate under CAPS, widely regarded as the national curriculum delivered with independent school rigour.

SUBJECT OFFERING

Core Subjects	English Home Language, Afrikaans First Additional Language (or Immigrant Alternative), Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy, Life Orientation
Electives	Physical Sciences, Life Sciences, Accounting, Business Studies, History, Geography, Consumer Studies, Computer Applications Technology (CAT), Dramatic Arts

The Mathematical Literacy advantage: We view Mathematical Literacy not as a lesser subject, but as a critical business skill for future entrepreneurs, lawyers, and leaders.

The City Campus Advantage

Parents often ask: “*Is it safe in the CBD?*” **The answer is yes.** We operate a fortress.

Gate-to-Gate Safety	Once a learner enters our guarded gates, they are in a secure zone with 24/7 security and strict access control.
Transport Hub	Our central location makes us the most accessible school in Pretoria — whether you work in government, the private sector, or commute from further afield.
Digital Wellbeing	We enforce a SMART Phone FREE Policy.

Admissions

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Co-educational Phases

Loreto Convent School welcomes both boys and girls from Grade RRR through to Grade 7. Our pre-school and primary school provide a co-educational environment grounded in the Mary Ward tradition.

Girls-only High School

From Grade 8, Loreto is an all-girls school. At the end of Grade 7, boys must transition to another school. We support families through this process with care and guidance.

Foreign Nationals

We are a global community. In compliance with South African law, a valid **Study Visa in the name of Loreto Convent School** is required for registration. This is non-negotiable.

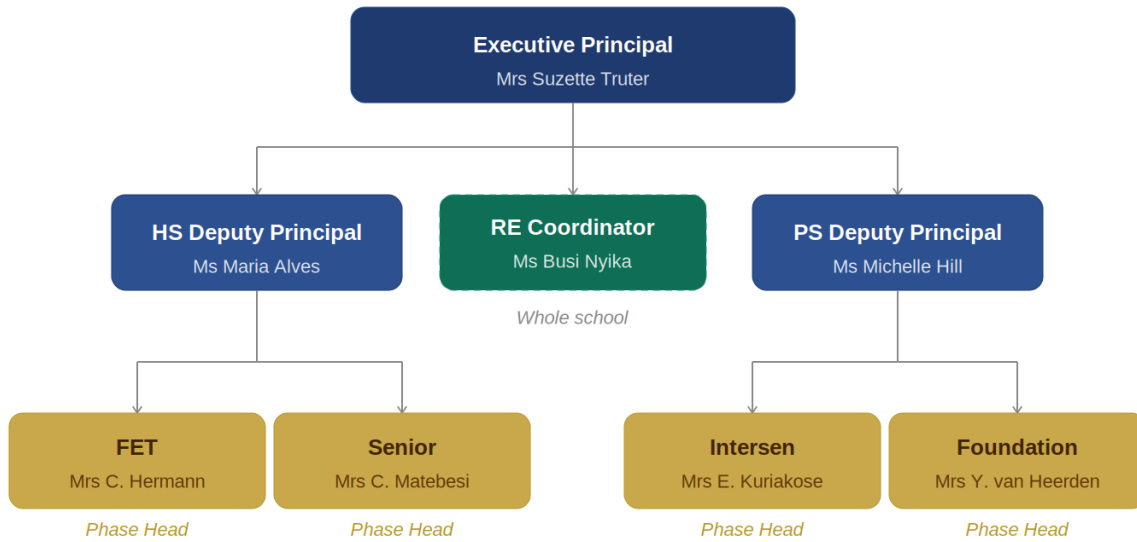
Sport and Culture

THE WHOLE CHILD

We believe education extends far beyond the classroom. Every learner is encouraged to participate in sport, the arts, and service.

Sport	Netball, Soccer, Swimming, Athletics, Tennis
Culture	Choir, Public Speaking/Debating, Drama, Service and Outreach
Mary Ward Service	Every learner is expected to give back. We do not train leaders alone — we train servant leaders.

Management



“Women in time to come will do much.” — Mary Ward, 1609

Come and be part of that future.

C O N T A C T U S

Loreto Convent School · Nana Sita Street, Pretoria CBD, 0002

Tel: +27 (0)12 000 0000 · loreto.co.za