



# CrawfordSchools™

Pre-Primary · Preparatory · College

## Statement of Purpose

Crawford Schools are progressive, co-educational, fully inclusive, and are committed to preparing young people to meet the challenges of the future. In a vibrant, stimulating and enjoyable environment, we aim to develop independent thinking and habits of work and study that equip each student to succeed.

In the Crawford environment, your child will be extended and supported to meet high academic aspirations. We provide each student with an education that is globally competitive, culminating in both the local South African matriculation examinations with additional international offerings. We are justifiably proud of our students' matriculation results which are consistently among the best in the country.

Though we look for excellence in all our students, we deliberately encourage co-operation and collaboration so that our students reach their full potential. We discover talent in each student, and praise effort and achievement on every front. Learning is an exciting and enjoyable process and not a source of anxiety and despair. Students feel that they have a part to play and a significant contribution to make in the life of the school and the broader community. They are encouraged to develop sensitivity to the needs, dignity and rights of others. Students should leave our schools as open-minded, balanced individuals, resilient in adversity yet capable of caring relationships.

Our teachers are selected for their outstanding teaching ability, top academic qualifications and mastery of relevant, innovative, educational methodology. Positive, enthusiastic interaction with students is vital, and they are taught to THINK, UNDERSTAND and APPLY. The educational ambience in the classroom is one of warmth, excitement, interest and mutual respect.

Appropriate conduct is maintained through positive reinforcement. Each student in Grade 4 to Grade 12 signs a Code of Conduct which constitutes the basis of the schools' discipline.

Team-play, leadership and sportsmanship are developed through various sports offered at Crawford. The sport offering includes sports such as swimming, cricket, tennis, rugby, netball, hockey, squash, volleyball and athletics. The range offered varies from campus to campus.

Cultural enrichment is imperative at Crawford. Students are encouraged from an early age to express themselves through Visual and Performing Arts. Offerings of chess, debating and public speaking are also part of the school optional curriculum, to assist our students in developing the lasting benefits of confidence and independence. In addition, access to innovative technologies empowers our students to engage with these technologies to solve real-world and complex problems.

Crawford students participate in a community where intellectual autonomy and democratic values are fostered. Freedom and responsibility are seen as inter-dependent, with rational thinking and an open-mindedness viewed as essential for the development of true understanding.