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Hoërskool MELKBOSSTRAND High School

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Dear Headmaster and Parent

Marine Biology

The WCED chose Melkbosstrand High School as a pilot school for this new subject which was added to the curriculum. From January 2020 grade 10 learners will be able to take Marine Biology as a subject at Melkbosstrand High School.

Melkbosstrand High School will also serve as a node where Marine Biology will be presented two days a week from 15:00 – 18:00. Thus, it will be possible for learners from other schools to take the subject here as an eighth subject option.

What does this subject entails?

“It is a first for us, and a first for Africa. The curriculum is already recognised around the world as one to strive towards.” (Mr. Russel Stevens, Two Oceans Aquarium)

This subject ties in strongly with Geography and Life Sciences and it focuses on the value of the ocean to mankind, as well as the sustainable utilisation of the ocean as a source of food and energy. The important role of the ocean with regards to transport and the climate crisis will also be addressed.

If you are interested, click on the links below for more information about this new curriculum:

<https://www.education.gov.za/Portals/0/CD/National%20Curriculum%20Statements%20and%20Vocational/CAPS%20FET%20Marine%20Sciences%20Final%20for%20Government%20Gazette.%2010%20May%202019.pdf?ver=2019-05-14-154537-760>

or

<https://www.education.gov.za/>

Who could choose this subject?

This subject is recommended for learners with a minimum of 60% for Mathematics, 70% for Social Sciences (Geography) and 70% for Natural Sciences (Biology) in gr. 9.

Marine Biology will be an excellent choice for a profession in which the ocean plays an important role.

Costs

Learners who take the subject as part of their normal subject choice at Melkbosstrand High School pay only their normal school fees as stipulated by the School Governing Body (SGB).

Learners who take Marine Biology as an eighth subject need to pay a registration fee of R500,00 before or on 30 September 2019. The monthly fee will be determined by the SGB Melkbosstrand High School. All learner material will be supplied and will be included in the fee.

Contact details

Contact the school via e-mail admin@hsmelkbos.co.za if more information is needed. Application forms are supplied electronically or physically by the school. Only a restricted number of candidates can be accommodated by the school, it is therefore important that applications are submitted as soon as possible.

Mr. D.J. Ross

Headmaster