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Dear Parents

### **School fees 2024**

Thank you for your loyalty and commitment in paying school fees on time in 2023. We appreciate your trust in us to provide a strong foundation for your child's education.

We are pleased to announce the finalized school fees for 2024. Please find the attached document that outlines the new fee structure. We want to assure you that we have taken careful consideration to keep the fees affordable while delivering an excellent Christian Education.

#### **Here is an explanation for the fee increase in 2024:**

- 1. Coding:** We have budgeted for the implementation of LEGO Coding, which includes materials and training for our teachers.
- 2. Staff matters and salaries:** Our staff did not receive a salary increase from 2022 to 2023. We have now budgeted for an increase from the end of February 2024, depending on our school numbers to make it possible. We encourage you to spread the word and help us increase our enrolment before the start of the school year in 2024.
- 3. Outdoor classroom and 2nd Tina Cowley classroom:** Our outdoor classroom will undergo an upgrade, including a new roof and appropriate furniture, making it more usable during our day program. The 2nd Tina Cowley classroom will be equipped with wifi, a projector, and a laptop for teachers to use when available in the morning.
- 4. New skills program:** During the 1st term of 2024, students in grades 4 to 7 will attend a new skills program presented by Mr. Johan de Wet van "**Roaming Lions Adventures.**"

# Roaming Lions Living Life To The Full - John 10:10


## Adventures

The great outdoors is our classroom. We combine a whole range of fun, adventurous activities, life skills and knowledge which makes learning experiential, practical and so much fun.

*Vision statement: Committed to the growth of children by experiential learning, developmental activities and mentorship to reach their full potential in all great spheres of life.*

*More about us:* This model—learning through experience and mentorship—has been foundational in my journey the past 18 years. I came to the crossroad of life where, through God's grace, I decided to fulfil my purpose by following this calling. My journey started in the Eco Tourism industry at Maholehohle in Limpopo where my eyes opened to possibilities of bringing children closer to nature to experience God first hand through His creation. This was followed by a 3 year journey in adventure guiding. My wife and I then moved to the great city of Johannesburg for a whole different life. There I worked full-time for a church in a school environment, going on outreaches to less privileged communities, and serving in other ministry-based projects. My wife worked at a primary school. This is where we launched our first Outdoor Program to give more exposure to our learners who craved adventure, offering them an alternative to the main stream sports. My wife and I made a great team working together on youth camps, hosting hikes and other outdoor activities with children.

When doors opened for us to move to Jeffreys Bay, we jumped at the chance. Here we combined our outdoor and adventure activities with the school curriculum at a local primary school. The need is great and we aim to spread our wings and serve the greater community through developmental strategies to enhance the growth of our children mentally physically and spiritually.



*Roaming Lions Adventures*

Educational hikes      Rope & knots      Survival

**5. Parking area:** We have budgeted for the upgrading of our parking area, similar to the driveway leading to our school from Da Gama road.

We hope the above explanation clarifies the reasons for the fee increase in 2024. Our primary goal is to continue providing excellent Christian education. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me to schedule an appointment.

Regards,

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