

The Lüderitz Blue School

inspiring wild and curious
minds



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Welcome to The Lüderitz Blue School, a private international school offering the British National Curriculum to boys and girls from Grades 0-7.

ABOUT US

At the 'Blue School' we know that our learners are all as unique as the town of Lüderitz itself, where various industries, people and cultures come together, and the desert and ocean meet.

From a young age, our learners are encouraged to be true to themselves, to believe in their abilities and potential, to follow their passions and to think and behave independently.

An internationally focussed centre of excellence, we offer a wide range of academic subjects, as well as a full programme of engaging and inspiring extra-curricular activities.

Our learners are taught to care for and appreciate the wonders of the natural world, with a particular focus on the desert and marine environments of Lüderitz.

We believe that a 'Blue School' education enables children to grow into curious, bold, resilient and open-minded individuals who will take on the challenges of the future with a positive attitude, balanced mindset, and an endless love of learning.

Our Values



Academic Excellence

In breadth as well as in depth



Boundless Curiosity

A love of questioning and discovery



Open-Mindedness

Inclusive and empathetic



Tenacity

Bold and audacious, tenacious and resilient



Gallantry

Generosity of spirit, kind and helpful to others



Environmental Awareness

Aware, awed by, and knowledgeable about the desert, the sea, and the past and present of the region



Our Story



The Lüderitz Blue School was founded in early 2022 as the only international primary school in the region. Since then, our school has gone from strength to strength, welcoming more learners, staff and volunteers to our family.

Through the provision of a high proportion of scholarship places, we are proudly able to open opportunities for children in Lüderitz to access the privilege of a top-quality education, regardless of their background. We are also proud to host many inspiring and engaging extra-curricular activities for children from all schools in the town.

In the institutions of the future, people will be judged on merit alone. As a school, we believe that the problems of tomorrow's world will be tackled through the education of today.

Lüderitz Blue School is a bold step towards that world, acting as a lighthouse for growth, learning and opportunity for children in Namibia.



Curriculum



INTERNATIONAL CURRICULUM

At the Lüderitz Blue School, we follow the British National Curriculum. This is a renowned and respected syllabus which is followed by many schools, both in the UK and internationally. Following this curriculum, our learners and families have the security of consistency in educational standards if relocating abroad or elsewhere in Namibia. As our school progresses, we aim to achieve full 'Cambridge International' accreditation.

RANGE OF SUBJECTS

From Grade 0, learners are taught a range of subjects including Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, Citizenship and Sport. We also provide Religious Education, Philosophy for Children, Afrikaans, German and OEC (Ocean Education and Culture).

Our teachers use Namibian textbooks, as well as material from the UK, ensuring that local geography and history is taught to our learners and that the international curriculum is appropriately tailored to local needs.



OUR APPROACH

Our nurturing and professional teachers deliver lessons with a holistic, child-centered approach and our learners are encouraged to think creatively, to reflect on their progress, and to develop their independence. Critical thinking, as well as inquiry-based learning, are key to the 'Blue School' learning environment.



GRADES 0-7

Grades 0-6 are taught in multigrade classes (Grades 0-2, Grades 3-4 and Grades 5-6). We view this as a strong advantage as it allows children to inspire and help each other along on their learning journey.

Grade 7 learners are taught in a hybrid learning environment, with some lessons taught by specialist teachers in person, and others through world class online learning platforms.



School Life



SCHOOL HOURS

Our learners may arrive at school between 7:45 and 8:00. The school day begins at 8:00 and academic lessons end at 13:00. Our learners are then supervised eating their lunch at school, before being escorted to their afternoon activities and clubs. Afternoons at the 'Blue School' are filled with a programme of extra-curricular activities which run until 15:00 (unless otherwise stated).

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

The cost of afternoon clubs is included in our school fees for enrolled learners. Many of these clubs are also open to learners from the community. These learners are invited to join us from 14:00 for the afternoon session. Clubs are led both by our school staff and members of the wider community.

Clubs currently on offer include:

- Benguela Robotics Lab
- Art and Design
- Lego
- Astronomy
- Sport
- Sign Language
- Cooking
- Science
- Oceans Day / Lüderitz Strandcubs
- Adventure Club

More information about the clubs on offer can be found on our school website.



Boarding House



A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

From early 2024, a private Boarding House will be opened for learners joining us from outside of Lüderitz. The house is managed by a friendly and warm team and is open for learners enrolled at Lüderitz Blue School from the age of 8.

BOARDING HOUSE FEES

As of January 2024, Boarding House fees are N\$4500 per month per boarder. This amount includes food (three meals a day and snacks), as well as supervised after-school and weekend activities. The Boarding House fees are independent of school fees. For further information, please refer to the Lüderitz Blue School Boarding House policy.

For further information on enrolling your child at the Boarding House, please contact us.



Oceans Day



LÜDERITZ STRANDCUBS

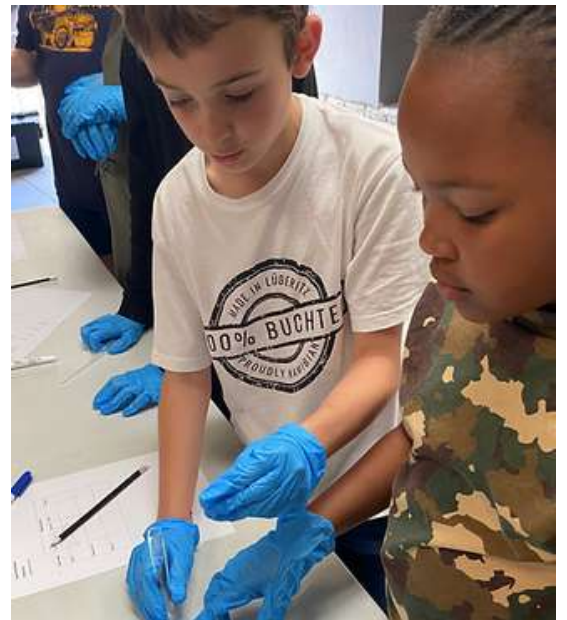
Coordinated by the 'Blue School', the Lüderitz StrandCubs are a group of boys and girls from all the schools in the town who are passionate about exploring, learning about, and caring for our unique and beautiful ocean environment.

Fridays mean one thing for the StrandCubs - it's Oceans Day!

From beach clean-ups to raft-building, flora and fauna identification to boat trips, the StrandCubs are always exploring, learning, and meeting experts in fields of all things to do with the ocean and the unique environment of Lüderitz!

The StrandCubs are committed to becoming experts about our wonderful surroundings- while also having a lot of fun!





Robotics Club



CODING, SENSORS, MOTORS AND MORE

Every Tuesday, Lüderitz Blue School opens its doors to boys and girls from all schools in Lüderitz to join our Benguela Robotics Lab!

This club aims to ignite young people's curiosity about the potential of robotics and programming and inspire an interest in STEM subjects from an early age.

SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE

At the Blue School, we believe that a sound understanding of Robotics is key for the future as more and more technology is turning towards Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. Early exposure to the basics of Robotics including coding, programming languages and the use of sensors prepares learners for these changes and introduces them to different future career possibilities. We aim to inspire a 'can-do' attitude where young people are given the skills and the confidence to do make, build and repair things themselves using the resources they have available.





Admissions

1. As a first step, parents/guardians are requested to complete an Application Form expressing interest for their child to join the school. Forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from the website and returned via email or hand delivery. There is also an Application Fee of 300N\$ to be paid to the school.



2. Selected children will then be invited into school for a Trial Day where they will have a school tour and participate in regular timetabled lessons, playtimes and clubs. They will also be required to complete an external aptitude quiz. This is not a test of what the child knows so much as an assessment of how they learn.



3. Following the Trial Day, a member of the school management will contact parents to inform them whether the child has been successful.



Please note: If a place is offered, parents/guardians are required to pay a registration fee of N\$2500 for the child to join the school. This is a once-off non-refundable payment. For more information, please refer to the Fee Policy on the school website.





Fee Structure



Our fees are as follows:

Grades 0-4 N\$2500.00 per month

Grades 5-6 N\$3500.00 per month

Grade 7 - N\$4000.00 per month

School fees will raise by 10% each year due to inflation.

Sibling discounts are also available. For more information, please read our full Fee Policy available on the school website.

A limited number of scholarship places are available at Lüderitz Blue School. For more information, please refer to our Scholarship Policy available on the school website.





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Lüderitz Blue School takes safeguarding children very seriously and all staff will be subject to vigorous checks and the interview process will include safeguarding and staff conduct.

