

Inspiring wild and curious minds



**Lüderitz Blue
School
Prospectus
2025**

Welcome

The Lüderitz Blue School is a small school with a big vision.

The Lüderitz Blue School was founded to provide world class education in one of the most unique and exotic locations in the world. We opened in January 2023 to offer students a **world-class education with a special focus on the unique and inspiring environment of the town, especially the marine environment**. A high proportion of our places are offered as **scholarships** to ensure that the privilege of a good education is made available to those who can benefit from it the most. We also offer a **broad extra-curricular programme** because a well-rounded education doesn't just take place in the classroom.

Our vision for the future is for the Lüderitz Blue School to be the **first step towards building a network of 'Blue Schools' in ocean-facing countries across the world**. These schools will raise a generation of bigger, bolder thinkers - young people who shape a future where humans thrive in harmony with nature, connected to a global network that bridges social and cultural divides.

My family moved to Lüderitz in 2021 for what was supposed to be a two-year stint. We quickly fell in love with Lüderitz, the two years came and went and we realised that Lüderitz is the place we want to bring up our children. With the Blue School, we now feel we have the perfect combination - access to a world-class education in a wild and exotic place where adventure is on our doorstep yet it still feels safe and welcoming. We have seen the enormous impact a quality school can have on the whole community - inspiring teachers have an outsized influence on all who come into contact with them. We are now determined to make the Lüderitz Blue School into the best small school in the world.



**Co-Founder and Chair of
the Board**



Head of Primary's Message

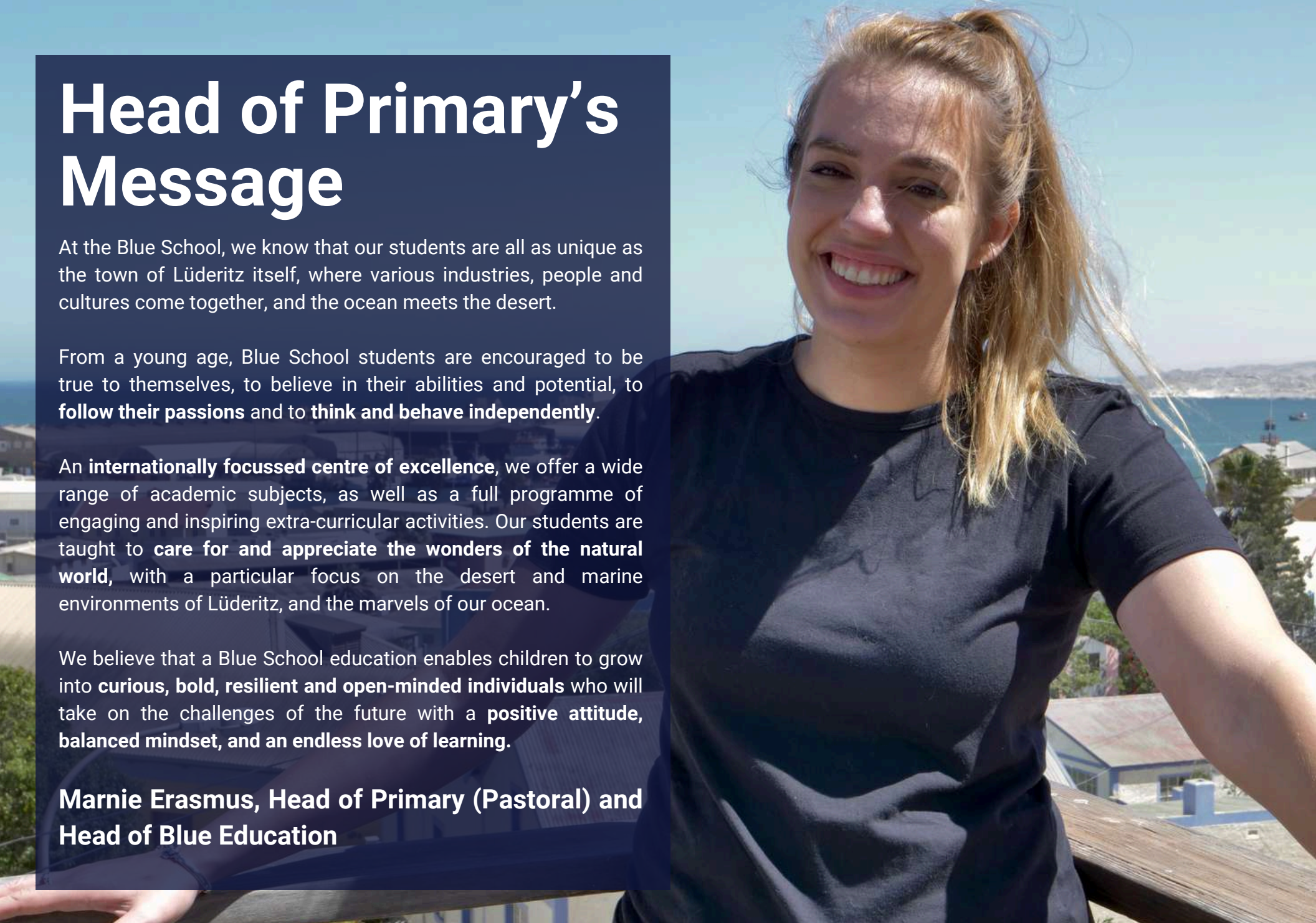
At the Blue School, we know that our students are all as unique as the town of Lüderitz itself, where various industries, people and cultures come together, and the ocean meets the desert.

From a young age, Blue School students 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 students 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, and the marvels of our ocean.

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**.

Marnie Erasmus, Head of Primary (Pastoral) and Head of Blue Education



Our Values



Academic Excellence

In breadth as well as in depth



Boundless Curiosity

A love of questioning and discovery



Tenacity

Bold and audacious, tenacious and resilient



Open mindedness

Inclusive and empathetic



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

A photograph of four students in blue school uniforms standing outdoors. From left to right: a Black girl with braids, a white girl with blonde hair, a Black boy with glasses, and a Black girl with braids and colorful beaded necklaces. They are all smiling. The background shows a school building with a corrugated metal roof and a playground with colorful equipment.

The Blue School Student

The Blue School is a new and growing school with a small family feel. One of the things we pride ourselves on is the way that all new children are welcomed to the school and very quickly made to feel part of the family by the existing students. We have children from a range of different backgrounds including a high proportion who are on full scholarship so this in-built instinct for inclusion is something that we encourage in all our students. We take inspiration from Rikki-tikki Tavi from *The Jungle Book*, "It is the hardest thing in the world to frighten a mongoose, because he is eaten up from nose to tail with curiosity. The motto of all the mongoose family is "Run and find out," and Rikki-tikki was a true mongoose."

Gallantry is another of our core values. It is sometimes seen as an old-fashioned concept but we believe that a sense of service, being able to put other people in the sunshine, being aware of and pre-empting the needs of others, being empathetic and being bold enough to move beyond what is comfortable are crucial skills to succeed in our ever-more interconnected world. We also encourage grit - tenacity is a superpower that allows you to succeed at anything you put your mind to. Being outdoors - in nature and in the ocean - are all great ways to foster it. Blue School students are confident and practical and able to turn their hand to any challenge.



About the Lüderitz Blue School

The Lüderitz Blue School is a not-for-profit private international school offering the Cambridge International Curriculum in Lüderitz, Namibia - the only international school in the region and the only school in Namibia with an integrated Blue Education programme.

We currently offer Year 0-9 and are expanding to offer Years 10-13 soon. Since opening in 2023, our school has gone from strength to strength, welcoming more learners, staff and volunteers to our family. In January 2024, we opened our first boarding house to be able to welcome learners from outside Lüderitz.



Our Mission

“To establish a world-class day/boarding school that offers academically excellent education with a focus on the ocean, while coordinating a full programme of extracurricular activities inspired by the ocean and the desert. Blue School students will be academically strong, creative, gritty and compassionate with a love of the natural world.”



Our Curriculum - Primary Years 0-6

We follow the Cambridge International Curriculum, a renowned and respected programme used by schools all over the world. Accreditation by Cambridge International gives a seal of approval and quality to the education we offer and gives our students and families the security of consistency in educational standards when relocating abroad or elsewhere in Namibia.

Range of Subjects

From Reception (Grade 0), students are taught a range of subjects including Mathematics, English, Science, Citizenship, Critical Thinking and Sport. We also provide Geography, History and Religious Education, Afrikaans, and Marine and Maritime Studies. Our teachers use Namibian textbooks, as well as material from the UK and Cambridge International, ensuring that local geography and history is taught to our students and that the international curriculum is appropriately tailored to local needs.



Our Curriculum - Primary Years 0-6

Years 0-6 are mostly taught in separate year groups, each named after a marine creature. This allows us to place children in the best place for their current stage of learning rather than following strict age or year groups.

Pre-Primary and Reception - Starfish

Year 1: Seahorses

Year 2: Dolphins

Year 3: Penguins

Year 4: Turtles

Year 5: Seals

Year 6: Octopus

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.



Our Curriculum - Secondary Years 7-12

From Year 7 onwards, our students are encouraged to take more responsibility for their own learning and have a separate specialist teacher for every subject. The secondary school is divided into Key Stage 3 - Junior Secondary (Years 7-9), Key Stage 4 - preparation for iGCSEs (Years 9-10) and Key Stage 5 - preparation for A-Levels (Years 11-12).

We have condensed Junior Secondary that is normally delivered over 3 years into two years. So Years 7-9 are taught in two age groups:

Foundation 1 (Year 7/8): Skates

Foundation 2 (Year 8/9): Rays

Foundation 1 and 2 students study English, Mathematics, Science, Geography, History, Global Perspectives, Citizenship, Art, French or Afrikaans, Computing and Physical Education as well as preparing independent research-based work including Passion Project and Model United Nations.

Year 10+ is coming soon. Please get in touch for more information.



What is a Blue School?

The Lüderitz Blue School was established to be a leader in Blue Education, to inspire innovation, wild curiosity and to create the next generation of ocean stewards. We are proud of our 'blue vision' and passionately embed ocean education and literacy into our academics, extracurricular program and school ethos. Our students have a deep appreciation and respect for the ocean, experiencing all aspects of it through their extracurricular activities, our tailor made Marine and Maritime Studies Curriculum and much more.

Marine and Maritime Studies

The curriculum for this stand-alone academic subject has been developed by Head of Blue Education, Marnie Erasmus. It is designed to be delivered to students in Years 3 to 8. Students explore the mysteries and marvels of the ocean following different themes: Ocean Culture, Ocean Geography, Ocean Arts, Living Ocean, Ocean History and Future Oceans. These units recur every two years allowing students to build on and deepen their knowledge and understanding as they progress through the school.

Students are encouraged to share what they have learnt in end of year shows, productions and exhibitions.



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RE-WILDING THE OCEANS

Kelp Blue is cultivating large-scale Giant Kelp forests. These underwater forests safely lock away CO₂ in the deep ocean and help sustain healthy marine ecosystems, providing food and shelter for countless species. The products made from the harvested kelp also have a positive environmental impact. The first product, a biostimulant StimBlue+, naturally strengthens plants' resistance to drought and sources of stress, increasing crop yield and quality while reducing the need for chemical fertiliser.

The Benguela current offshore Lüderitz is the best place in the world to grow Giant Kelp and the majority of Kelp Blue's operations are based in the town. Kelp Blue have generously supported the set-up of the school and their sister organisation, the Kelp Forest Foundation, support our extra-curricular activities.

The staff of Kelp Blue, a mix of young internationals and Namibians, make excellent role models for the students. We bring them in whenever possible to learn from their experience in marine biology, engineering, environmental science, and agronomy as well as having fun together on the beach and in the ocean.



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Boarding House - a home away from home

Our first Boarding House was opened in January 2024 for students joining us from outside of Lüderitz. The house is managed by a warm and friendly team and is open for students enrolled at Lüderitz Blue School from the age of 8.

Our intention is for the house to be more than just a place to stay - it is an continuation of the ethos and pastoral environment of the school, allowing boarders to extend their education beyond the classroom. Boarders are kept busy with a wide range of activities and are encouraged to try as much as possible to discover new hobbies and interests and make new friends. They also have enough time to study, rest and have their own leisure time.

Activities for boarders include beach runs, games nights, movie nights, sailing club, stargazing, camping trips, arts and crafts, chess, day trips around Lüderitz and the peninsula and activities organised to mark national holidays and other special occasions.

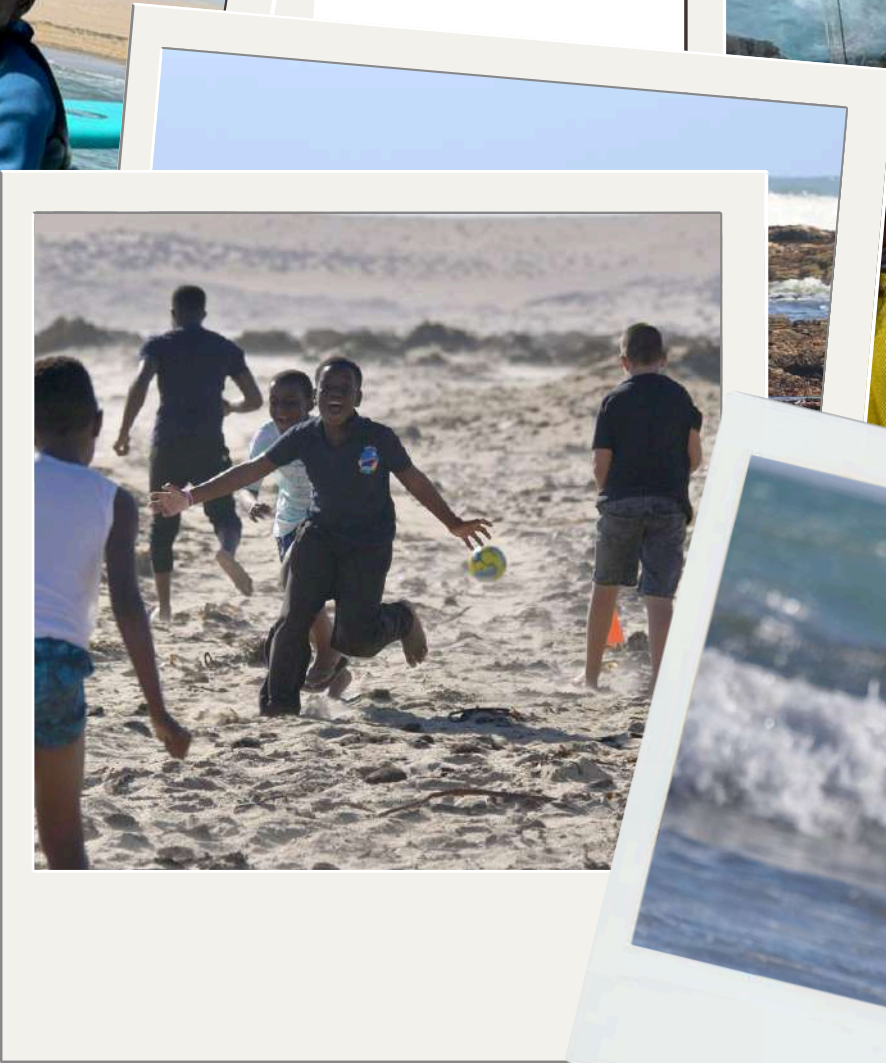


Extra-curricular Activities

We believe that extra-curricular activities are a core part of every child's education. Through discovering their own passions and interests, Blue School students can learn practical life skills and foster their talents in a range of different fields from sport to the arts, from philosophy to robotics and debating.

The Lüderitz Blue School offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities every school day until 15:00 for the primary school and until 16:00 for the secondary school. On Fridays, Oceans Day and Adventure club run until 16:00 or 17:00. The cost of these clubs is included in the school fees for Blue School students.

Clubs offered in 2025 include: Arts and Crafts, Debating, Robotics, Junior Robotics, Lego Club, Astronomy, Sailing Club, Sports Club, Cooking Club, Sign Language Club, Science Fair, Adventure Club, Book Club, and Environment Club.



Oceans Day

Every Friday is Oceans Day where students of different ages discover what makes their ocean home so unique. From excursions to local businesses, to beach days, to learning about the work of the Kelp Blue marine monitoring team, every week is different with a focus on hands on learning outside the classroom.



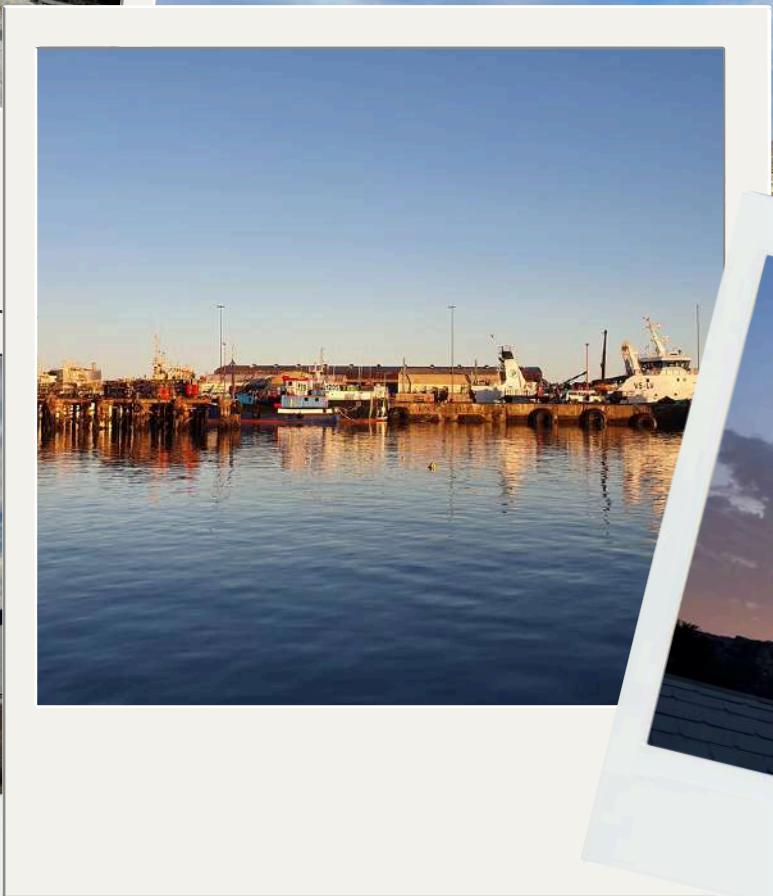
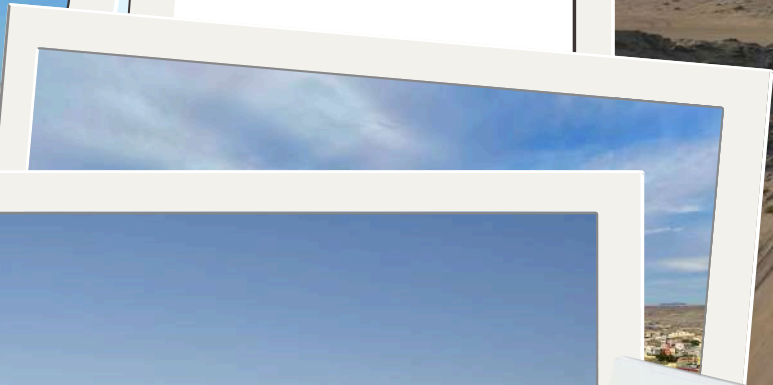
Sailing Club

Sailing Club meets every Saturday when weather conditions permit. Students learn to sail in solo optimists, a larger dinghy and a Hobie Cat on the lagoon and at Agate beach.



Off-Site Learning

We also organise off-site activities and excursions including to the Namibia Desert Education and Environment Trust (NaDEET), camping in the mountains of Aus and on the Lüderitz Peninsula.



Leadership, Governance and Team

The school's management team is made up of Lucy Hooft, Chair of the Board, Marnie Erasmus, Head of Primary (Pastoral) and Head of Blue Education and Chief of Staff Levana Cloete. Later in 2025, this team will expand to include a Head of Primary (Academic), a Head of Secondary and a Head of Boarding.

The school's board is made up of a diverse group of people who are committed to the long-term development of Lüderitz. They have backgrounds in business, entrepreneurship, politics, the civil service and education. Three of our board members are also parents at the school.



Marnie Erasmus, Head of Primary (Pastoral) and Blue School Lead and Levana Cloete, Chief of Staff

Lüderitz Blue School Board



Lucy Hooft
Former Adviser
to HM Queen Rania



Marnie Erasmus
Head of Primary (Pastoral)
and Blue Education;
Founding Head



Suzan Ndjaleka
Regional Councillor
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Kauna Samuehl
Accountant and Teacher



Maria Mbudhi
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at Rhino Resources Ltd



Viviane Kinyaga
Water & Oceans
Governance Expert



Admissions and Scholarships

Any family that wishes to enrol their child must first complete an [application form](#) - available on the website. 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 test. This is not a test of what the child knows so much as an assessment of how they learn. We offer places based on the results of the test and whether the child fits well in the school environment and will benefit from the curriculum.

We also offer a significant number of places as scholarship places - the cost of this is mostly funded by private donors. To apply, parents must include a motivation letter that sets out why they require a scholarship and why their child would benefit from a Blue School Education. All scholarship decisions must be approved by at least two board members.

Admissions are currently open for students from Years 0 to 9. We accept admissions all year long and learners can join the Blue School at any time. We will be offering Cambridge International IGCSEs in Grade 10/11 and A-Levels in Grade 12/13. As these are two year courses of study, we will not take new pupils into an exam year unless they have already completed one year of study in the equivalent system. For more information please see the Admissions Policy on our website or get in touch at info@luderitzblueschool.com

Fees

Fees are paid monthly over 12 months. School fees for upper years include exam fees which are a considerable external cost.

There is an Application Fee of N\$330 to apply for a place at Lüderitz Blue School. If a place is offered, parents/guardians are required to pay an upfront registration fee of N\$2750 (also payable in instalments) for the child to join the school.

Sibling discounts are also available. The first sibling of an enrolled child will receive a 5% discount off the full school fee price for their class. The second sibling of an enrolled child will receive a 10% discount of the full school fee price for their class.

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

Category	2025 Monthly Fee / N\$
G0-2 fees	\$ 2,750.0
G3-4 fees	\$ 2,750.0
G5-6 fees	\$ 3,850.0
G7-9 fees (if not started IGCSEs)	\$ 4,400.0
G9-10 (if started IGCSEs)	\$ 5,445.0
G11-13 fees	\$ 6,336.0
NAM boarding fees	\$ 4,950.0
International boarding fees	\$ 37,400.0
Application fees (one off payment)	\$ 330.0
Registration fees (one off payment)	\$ 2,750.0
Lunch (optional)	\$ 880.0



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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.