



DSK NEWS FLASH

Newsletter of the German International School Cape Town



Principal's Message

Dear Learner, Parents & Colleagues

As we step into the final term, I am excited to announce the launch of our DSK NEWS FLASH.

You can look forward to updates straight from my desk, event recaps, opinion pieces, interviews with our community and so much more - all capturing the pulse of the school life.

I would also like to highlight that in this and upcoming issues, I will be sharing future strategic steps we are taking to achieve our development goals. This ongoing process is vital to our growth, and it is very important to me to keep you regularly updated on key milestones and progress. This plan will be completed by 2030, positioning the school as a leading educational institution, with a strong focus on academic excellence, global exposure, and sustainable growth.

Enjoy reading and stay connected through the DSK NEWS FLASH.

Warm regards,
Sabrina Gellermann

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Management News

By Sabrina Gellermann

I am delighted to introduce and acknowledge our Senior Management Team, whose dedication drives both the operational and academic success of our school. From setting strategic goals to providing vital support for our teachers and learners, they play a crucial role in ensuring that we uphold the highest standards of academic excellence and wellbeing in all areas.

In the following, you will find the full list of our senior management along with their respective responsibilities.

“We need to internalize this idea of excellence. Not many folks spend a lot of time trying to be excellent.”

BARACK OBAMA

Senior Management

RESPONSIBILITIES

Sabrina Gellermann

Principal

Overall management, orientation of the pedagogical concept

Paulette Preyser

Deputy Principal

Disciplinary management

Swantje Grüßing

Head of Teaching

Implementation of the pedagogical concept

Dr. Markus Ruppert

Head of High School

Grade 10-12, German Stream

Karin de Villiers

Head of IEB

Grade 10-12 English Stream

Andreas Bergemann

Head of Middle School (Grade 5-9) and Realschule

Coordinator Secondary School Certificates (Grade 10)

Patricia Kohrs

Head of Primary School

Grade 1-4

Fried Lehmann

Head of Co-Curricular

Extramurals, GLMZ, NAB

STRATEGY

KEY PILLARS THAT WILL SHAPE OUR PATH FORWARD

Strategic Steps

By Sabrina Gellermann

Recently, the school and senior staff management as well as the board members convened for our annual strategy development workshop - engaging in two days of creative interaction and forward-thinking discussions.

With a focus on progressive and innovative vision, we developed objectives to be achieved by 2030.

In a step-by-step plan, we will continuously work on these key pillars that are crucial for the growth and identity of the school.

Key Pillars:

- Learning environment and methodology
- Marketing the DSK externally
- Internal communication
- Value proposition redefinition
- Business development and funding
- Teacher development
- Humanity project
- Timetable / daily rhythm

TODAY WE WILL HEAR ABOUT...

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT & METHODOLOGY

Objective

Enhance the learning environment to cultivate creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

How can we achieve this?

- Finalise the digitization policy by the end of 2025.
- Roll out a comprehensive digitization process by 2026, including training for teachers and parents.
- Introduce innovative teaching methodologies that integrate technology and personalised learning paths, preparing learners for real-world challenges.
- Improve classroom design by reducing acoustic impairment, increasing transparency, enhancing lighting, and optimising physical comfort for learners in their space.

In the next issue we will talk about

Internal Communication



News-Blog

In this blog, we highlight the various media features that showcase our school. From exciting achievements and innovative projects to community involvement, we will keep you updated on all the latest news coverage about the DSK.

The official opening of the STEM Center was a great success, and the DSK was featured in the following media outlets:

Cape Argus, Atlantic Sun, IOL, AWSUM News

On September 13, Cape Town TV broadcasted a film about **STEM Centre opens in Cape Town to advance skills**

In celebration of World Teachers' Day, Anthony Mentor was also featured on **Smile 90.4FM**.

“A diverse newsroom is essential for covering a diverse world ”

Nikole Hannah-Jones





DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, 11 OCT (LESSON 5+6)

ASSEMBLY - GERMAN UNITY DAY

SATURDAY, 2 NOV

DSK FAMILY DAY

SALE IS OPEN. PURCHASE VIA QUICKET.

PURCHASE

THURSDAY, 20 + FRIDAY 21 NOV @ 19:00

LICORICE ALL SORTS, DRAMA PERFORMANCE
FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

THURSDAY, 28 NOV

VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

THURSDAY, 5 DEC

PRIZE GIVING

FRIDAY, 6 DEC

END OF TERM 4 - FINAL ASSEMBLY 2024

PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

SPORT OLYMPIADE KAPSTADT

14 - 20 MARCH 2025



CIVVIES DAYS

FRIDAY, 11 OCT

FRIDAY, 25 OCT

FRIDAY, 22 NOV

