

A Brief Synopsis of Bryandale

As we look forward to our 50th anniversary celebrations, we relish the past, revel in the present and recreate the future.

Bryandale has grown leaps and bounds since its inception in 1973. It was known as Bryanston Third School. The school was officially opened and named Bryandale in 1974.

Initially housing 700 learners, Bryandale is now able to accommodate more than 1120 learners.

As the first public primary school to achieve Microsoft Showcase Status in Africa, we are classified as pioneers in education transformation and reimagining school experiences. It comes with lots of hard work and perseverance thereby allowing us to be the change and introduce 21CLD (21st Century Learning Design) skills. We are enabling our learners to be “future ready”.

We proudly have almost all our teachers as MIEs (Microsoft Innovative Educator) and can boast that twelve of our teachers achieved MIEE status (Microsoft Innovative Educator Experts). More teachers are currently busy with their innovative transformation.



We have lead FP Mathematics teachers at cluster levels who conduct workshops for schools and we have a Jolly Phonic facilitator who trains teachers across the country. Being placed in the Top 3 for the National Teacher Awards was also a highlight for one of our teachers as it was the first time that the school had sent an entry for the awards.

Bryandale has demonstrated that it has the ability to transform as seen in the last three years. Due to great financial savvy and strategic planning we have been able to ensure that the core business of teaching and learning was not impacted during the recent pandemic. As per our vision and mission statement, we strive to be exceptional.

We need to appreciate that we can continue providing learners virtual access to the classroom in the form of revision for tests and exams, support programmes and fortification lessons via TEAMS. We also assist learners with continued learning when they have serious medical issues. Our aim is absent-free classrooms.

Identified as a “flagship” school by the quality assurance department at head office bears testimony to the skill and resolve of our teachers who enable our learners to achieve admirably with their academics each year. We have seen our “future ready” learners from Grade 1 to 7 use Flipgrid and Powerpoint to present projects. This opportunity allowed them to self-regulate and polish their submissions. The introduction of coding served to strengthen the prowess of our learners and many are able to digitally create their own games. Our learners also diligently represent the school and the district at Spellathons, Maths Challenges, Social Science and Natural Science Quizzes, Olympiads, Creative Writing and Art Competitions. The Grade 7 EMS Market Day proves to be a productive and fulfilled day each year.

The yearly production is interchanged each year with the Foundation and Intersen Phases. The learners under the guidance of their respective teachers take their talent to another level with their brilliant performances each year.

In our quest to hone the leadership skills of our learners, so that they can contribute meaningfully as adults in South Africa, the school affords the learners various opportunities to build their leadership skills. Learner leadership comprises of Monitors, PRCs, JHB Mini Councilors, Scholar Patrol, Media Monitors, House Captains, Sports Captains, and Cheerleaders.

Our social responsibility programme includes donations, learning about various charities, and spreading awareness. This enables our learners to show empathy and understand the art of giving. The Interact Club and JHB Mini Councillors go beyond the call of duty and must be praised for their contribution to the various charities as well.

We enjoyed many successes on the sport front each year. Fair play and great sportsmanship should always be the winner in all codes for our learners and win with grace and lose with dignity is our catch phrase. We have learners proudly representing the cluster, the district, the province and the country in various sporting and cultural activities. We are indeed beyond proud of their accomplishments. Our cultural participation includes Curtain Call, Living Tree Interhouse Competition, Kaleidoscope and a Interschool Visual Vibes Competition.

As a values-based school, our learners fly the flag of Bryandale very high. They help in contributing to the ethos of the school with their wonderful manners, talent, skills and sheer determination to excel.

The SGB and BPA together with the Bryandale parents are unwavering in their support and understanding of all matters pertaining to the school.

Heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated staff (teachers, admin and general workers). Their commitment helps us grow from good to great across all spheres of the school.

Being change agents allows the staff to embrace opportunities for continuous renewal and growth.

A. Proud. Bryandalian.

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Principal

