Somerset West Private School

The school has been selected by the University of Stellenbosch as one of their Top 100 feeder schools.

**Fact Sheet**

**Location**
Somerset West Cape Town

**Type of School**
Private co-educational

**Main Language**
English

**Pupils**
200

**Grades**
8 - 12

**School Uniform**
No

The School

Somerset West Private School is a small school and has 200 learners, ranging from Grade R to Post Matric. SWPS strives towards the provision of a comprehensive academic education to its unique learners. The school focuses particularly on the development of Mathematics and Physical Science by inspiring learners to excel in both Mathematics and languages, which form the foundation of success in all other field of study.

SWPS offers learners who have finished High School a Post Matric Group (applicable for GROW Abroad students, different fee structure). Additional subjects like Spanish and French are available on request (extra fee) for local and GROW Abroad learners.
Subjects

Afrikaans, English, Life Orientation, Mathematics OR Mathematical Literacy, Visual Arts (painting, drawing, graphic art, photography or combination thereof), Geography, History, Business Studies, Computer Application, Information Technology, Life Sciences, Physical Science, Consumer Studies, Engineering and Graphic Design, Accounting, Business Studies, Additional subjects like Spanish, French, German available on request (extra fee)

Education

Education is very much focused on the individual learner. The school's ethos, structure, curriculum and activities reflect the strong belief that the intellectual, aesthetic, spiritual, moral, physical and social growth of each boy and girl at each age level is of paramount importance. SWPS is accredited by Umalusi.org.za and they offer Mathsman.co.za (a web based interactive e-learning tool, specifically designed to successfully and effectively teach learners 'how to do Maths'). SWPS actively teaches and practices the following motto: Always do Extra. There is a very strong tradition of excellence at Somerset West Private School. They strive for a 100% pass rate and learners who achieve less than 65% in any test is required to attend extra classes and rewrite the test.

In the small classes the atmosphere is open and tolerant, friendly and kind, positive and challenging and honest and sincere. Students and teachers come to class well prepared for the lessons, with all the relevant books and equipment, as well as being punctual and ready to work. SWPS offers IT classrooms and WIFI for the learners.
SWPS shows an amazing track record in terms of what their students have achieved not only mentally but also physically. Swimming, show jumping, cross-triathlon, cycling and wake-boarding are only some of the sports in which their students were successful. The school furthermore collaborates with Parel Vallei High School, http://www.pvallei.co.za/ 5 min from SWPS, in terms of physical education. Many winter and summer sports are available and SWPS leaners can participate in leagues and matches as well.

SWPS offers a variety of outings like a visit to the University of Stellenbosch and University of Cape Town, visit to Science organizations, and cultural outings.