



PRETORIA  
**BOYS HIGH SCHOOL**

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## **LANGUAGE POLICY**

### **1. LANGUAGE OF LEARNING AND TEACHING (LOLT)**

The Language of Teaching and Learning at the School is English. This language shall be taken by all students at Home Language level

### **2. ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES OFFERED**

Based on the number of students who wish to take the subject, the School shall offer the following subjects:

First Additional Language: FAL (compulsory for all Grades)

Afrikaans or Sepedi

Second Additional Language: SAL (compulsory in Grade 8)

French or German

Second Additional Language: SAL (optional in Grades 9 – 12)

French or German

### **3. LANGAUGES AS AN EIGHTH SUBJECT**

In line with the policy on the number of subjects which a pupil may take at senior level, no additional languages may be taken as an eighth subject.

### **4. MINIMUM NUMBER OF STUDENTS**

Class sizes should be no larger than 30 students per language class. If there are fewer than 15 students who choose to take a particular language, the continuation of that language will be at the discretion of the Headmaster and subject to considerations that include financial feasibility, sustainability and teacher availability.

### **5. PROTECTION OF RIGHTS**

Any changes to this policy will be both negotiated and phased in so that the rights of students already taking the language will be protected. Any changes to the policy must be made by the School Governing Body.

### **6. LANGUAGE OF COMMUNICATION**

The language of communication with parents/guardians shall be English.

## **7. PLANS TO DEVELOP MULTILINGUALISM AND PROTECT MINORITY LANGUAGES**

The school library shall purchase books incrementally to match the language learning needs of the school.

Teachers will encourage pupils to develop communicative competencies in more than one language.

While the Language of Teaching and Learning in the School is English, the School shall celebrate and encourage multilingualism through the publishing of creative writing in the school magazine and the extended curriculum.