

Homeschooling provider opens new online school

As demand for distance education steadily increases, South African homeschooling provider Impaq is launching a new online school.



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With the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic, demand for Impaq's homeschooling offering — which follows the CAPS curriculum and caters for Grade R - 12 learners — has accelerated with record numbers of families switching to this form of education in the last 18 months.

Amid this backdrop, Impaq has embarked on taking schooling to the next level by launching a fully catered-for online school for English and Afrikaans speaking learners.

Admissions to the online school officially open today, 1 September 2021, with the school set to cater to Grade 7-11 learners in 2022. Plans are in place to expand to other grades from 2023.

Teacher-led learning

While Impaq's traditional homeschooling offering has involved parents having the option to teach their children, the online school will go further by placing children into classes led by highly qualified teachers. The class-sizes will be capped at 30 children and the online school's teachers will deliver the lessons virtually.

Timetables will be a key component of the school and will include structured time to improve fitness and mental well-being. Learners will also be encouraged to take part in other activities, such as a robotics club and fitness events. Impaq's Online School further has a collaboration with the 'It's OK' mental health app to track and ensure the mental well-being of learners.

Children's educational progress will be monitored by Impaq's sophisticated Optimi Learning Platform. This online system can help to identify gaps in children's learning and ensure that educational outcomes are tracked and met.

Louise Schoonwinkel, MD of Optimi Home, says: “We are very excited to be launching the new Impaq online school for the 2022 cohort. With our longstanding and leading reputation as a highly trusted provider in the distance education market, we are the best-placed company in South Africa to offer a reliable, 21st century online schooling offering.”

Registration and costs

Registration for Impaq’s new online school can be accessed via the [website](#).

Costs for Impaq’s online school covers books, exam fees and costs for practical exams. For Grade 7-9 learners, these costs will start from R2,200 per month and for Grade 10-11 learners, these will start from R2,669 per month.



Louise Schoonwinkel, MD of Optimi Home

More information about Impaq’s wide range of subject choices, resources, and the CAPS curriculum it follows can be found on the Impaq website.

There’s no doubt that just like its innovation in the homeschooling space, Impaq will go on to enhance South Africa’s online schooling environment and offer parents a viable alternative for years to come.

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