



Bizweni High School

Information Guide

Grade 8

Dear Parent /Guardian,

A very warm welcome to Bizweni High School!

Please see the important information below:

1. **COMMUNICATION:**

Our main channel of communication is via the class WhatsApp group. All important messages and communication from the school and teacher will be sent home via these groups. **Please notify us should you not be a part of this group by the end of 2026.** For all other queries please see the contact details below:

- Administrative inquiries: Marilee at admin@bizwenihighschool.co.za,
- Finance: Nikki at accounts@bizwenihighschool.co.za
- Principal: Nicole at principal@bizwenihighschool.co.za
- Grade 7: Grade7@bizweniprimaryschool.co.za
- Grade 8: Grade8@bizwenihighschool.co.za

Newsletters are sent out during the term to keep parents informed. Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram as well to keep up with exciting events and view photos of what is happening on a daily basis at school.

2. **BIZWENI HIGH UNIFORM:**

All school uniform items can be purchased from our online supplier on www.helderbergschoolclothing.co.za . Our uniform is as follows for the Grade 8 learners:

Summer:

Boys:

- Golf Shirt
- Shorts
- White/Grey Socks
- White tekkies/Green slops
- Sports shirt (to be worn on PE days or for sports after school)
- Green school cap

Girls:

- Golf shirt
- Skorts/shorts
- White socks

- White tekkies or green slip slops
- Sports shirt (to be worn on PE days or for sports after school)
- Green school cap

Winter:

Boys:

- Tracksuit jacket (High School jacket) and pants
- Golf shirt
- Fleece
- Rain jacket
- White socks
- White tekkies
- Green scarf/beanie and gloves

Girls:

- Tracksuit (High School jacket) jacket and pants
- Golf shirt
- Fleece
- Rain jacket
- White socks
- White tekkies
- Green scarf/beanie and gloves

A plain black school bag is compulsory for all learners.

3. CURRICULUM

Our school follows the IEB curriculum and once Umalusi and IEB accreditation process is complete, we will move onto facilitating the Hatfield Online School course from Grade 10 so that all our learners have access to a wide variety of subject choices with subject specialists from all over the country teaching these subjects online.

4. STATIONERY & TEXTBOOKS

A stationery and textbook list will be sent out for the Grade 8 learners on the class WhatsApp group. If you have any stationery items remaining from the previous Grade that are in good condition please feel free to reuse them. The container on the list will be reused each year.

Please label all items with your child's name and surname. Please do not cover the books as the teachers will create book covers with the children during school time.

Please make sure all items are sent to school, labelled, on the first day of school.

5. TECH REQUIREMENTS:

As part of supporting your child's learning, each learner will be required to have access to a personal laptop for use at school and at home. The laptop should be able to connect to the internet, have Microsoft Office installed, and ideally be equipped with an i5 (or higher) processor to ensure that it runs the necessary educational programs effectively.

We kindly ask that parents take full responsibility for the purchase of the device, as well as its care and safekeeping. Please note that the school is not able to accept responsibility for any loss, damage, or theft of laptops brought onto the school premises.

6. CELLPHONES

No cellphones will be permitted for use during the school day. If your child needs to bring a phone to school for use before arrival or after dismissal, it must be handed in upon arrival and collected at the end of the day. Please note that the school cannot accept responsibility or liability for any loss, theft, or damage to cellphones.

7. ABSENTEE COMMUNICATION

When your child has been absent from school please notify the school via e-mail or WhatsApp on the school phone as this notification is needed for record keeping purposes. **If your child is absent for three or more days they will need a note from a doctor. If your child is absent for an assessment they will also need a doctor's note.**

8. ILLNESS

Please do not send your child to school if he/she is feeling unwell. Should a learner present with symptoms during the school day, our office administrator will notify parents.

9. MEDICATION

Should you need us to administer any form of medication, we will need written consent and detailed instructions from the parent/guardian before any medication will be administered. Any chronic medication will need a script to accompany these instructions. **Medication is not allowed to be sent to school in a learner's bag, but must be handed directly to a teacher or to the admin staff in the office.**

10. LUNCHBOXES

We encourage sending wholesome, healthy snacks to school. **Please do not send sugary biscuits, sweets, fizzy cool drinks, lollipops or chips.** We do allow the learners to bring a treat on Friday's or to bring money to spend at the school tuck shop which is open during playtime on a Friday only. Toasted sandwiches are available to order through our Taptuck App only and must be pre-ordered. If ordering on the same day, it needs to be ordered before 8am for 1st or 2nd break.

11. **MONEY**

We make use of the Taptuck App for all events. Please download this app and familiarize yourself with it as it is a more convenient and safer payment method. We try and limit the amount of cash on the school premises as far as possible. Please feel free to contact admin should you encounter any problems.

12. **NOTICES**

During the term important notices are sent home with the learners. Please return all reply slips and information promptly.

13. **MARKING OF ITEMS**

We ask that you mark all clothes, lunchboxes and bottles clearly with the child's full name and surname. When marked items are found, it is easier for us to return it to the owner. **Items that are left at school for more than a month will be donated to charity and school uniform that is not marked will be sold at the end of each term.**

14. **SCHOOL HOURS**

Please take note of these times. Punctuality is of utmost importance, ensuring that learners and educators are not disrupted by latecomers. Your support in this is appreciated.

Grade 8	MONDAY TO THURSDAY FRIDAY	07:45 – 14 :30 07:45 – 13:30
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