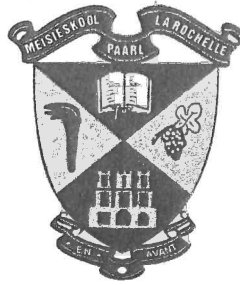


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LANGUAGE POLICY

In accordance with the **LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION POLICY** in terms of section three of the **NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT OF 1996**, the right to choose the language of learning and teaching is vested in the individual. However, this right has to be exercised within the ability and availability of qualified and capable educators, as well as within the financial capacity of the Department of Education and the school.

La Rochelle Girls' High School is traditionally a dual-medium school where instruction is given in English and Afrikaans. It is the policy of the school to support bilingualism and therefore the endeavour is made to maintain a balance between English and Afrikaans speaking learners. A choice is given to the learners in Grades 8 and 9 to be in an Afrikaans-medium class, or an English-medium class, i.e. parallel-medium education. In Grades 10, 11 and 12 both languages are used as medium of instruction, i.e. dual-medium education, in the classrooms and subject material is provided in both Afrikaans and English.

The teaching and use of language at La Rochelle has certain objectives:

- To develop the correct and pure use of languages.
- To create a climate within which learners can use languages with interest, purpose and enjoyment.
- To increase self-knowledge and critical thinking.
- To promote moral and cultural growth.
- To encourage aesthetic appreciation of languages.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Newsletters, all general communication and announcements should be in both

English and Afrikaans.

- Reports to parents/guardians and personal correspondence should be in the preferred language of the parents/guardians, either English or Afrikaans.
- The language used during Assembly and Staff Meetings should alternate between English and Afrikaans.

LANGUAGES AS SUBJECTS

- The learners have a choice of English Home Language or First Additional Language and Afrikaans Home Language or First Additional Language.
- It is possible to take both languages on the Home Language level.
- French and German as Second Additional Languages are also part of the subject choice at La Rochelle. These two languages are available, depending on demand and the financial feasibility.

Every educator at the school takes reasonable steps to inform learners on the importance of multilingualism, and to promote respect for other languages besides the home language and/or medium of instruction.

Signed at Panre on 08 day of MAY 2024



CHAIRPERSON
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