

HAZELDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS PROJECT



Hazeldene Primary School is located in Mitchells Plain, Cape Town, and has been serving this lower-income community for 58 years. The school currently has approximately 980 students aged between 6 – 14 years, with 27 teachers and staff members.

The Sports Development project at this school is a proactive social initiative established by the project supervisor and is their essential vehicle for getting youngsters off the streets and onto the playing fields or courts. The main aim of the project is not only to keep the children active and physically healthy, but also to teach them various life skills, improve their ability to work together and function as a unit, all while empowering them as individuals. The program is run in conjunction with the academic aspects and this also teaches the children the importance of living a balanced life (hard work vs fun).

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

Because of the large number of students in each class, the teachers and staff at the school work under constant pressure. They obviously focus on the academic side with very little time and energy left for sports and physical activities with the children. This is where volunteers play a vital role.

You will assist with physical education lessons, initiate and run your own sports activities and group games, and assist at sports days and other events. During the summer, you can even take the children out to the public pool and give swimming lessons. Please note that you may also be asked to help out in the classroom and with other extra-mural activities. Remember: the main component of this programme is FUN, FUN, FUN!!! So you will need to be creative and use your own initiative in a big way.

WORKING HOURS:

Because the Sports Development Programme runs in conjunction with the school times, you will generally work between 08:30 – 15:30 from Mon-Fri (classroom and sports). These times will vary according to the events that are on at the time (sports days, after-school tournaments and practice sessions, weekend charity/donation drives, etc.).



