

KANNEMEYER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Kannemeyer Primary School is located in the local community of Grassy Park, Cape Town, and has been in operation for more than 50 years.

This public government school mainly serves its immediate middle-class area, but also has a bus service that brings in children from the much poorer surrounding areas, such as the farming community of Philippi. The learners at this school are between the ages of 5-13 years old. Due to the many social issues in the area, such as drug and alcohol abuse, many of the learners at the school face a daily battle just to get to school, with many parents unable to afford the monthly school fees. A feeding scheme is also in operation at the school, however this is community-funded and totally dependent on donations from parents and volunteer organisations.

Resources are very limited at the school and classes are generally overcrowded - there are approximately 680 learners (however this number does fluctuate), with approximately 20 permanent Educators and teachers. The school is predominantly English-speaking, with a smaller percentage of Afrikaans and Xhosa-speaking children.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

Due to the high ratio of students to teacher in each class, the teachers generally do not have time to give individual attention to slow learners and helping learners with learning disabilities. The school therefore relies heavily on help from volunteers.

You will assist the teachers in the classroom by taking a few children that are struggling in class and helping them understand the lesson. Reading and writing exercises, creative lessons (art, music, etc.) as well as outdoor activities and sports lessons will make up most of your duties.

WORKING HOURS:

You will generally work from 08h30-15h00, Mon-Fri, but may also be asked to assist with extra-mural activities and social projects.

