

# isiZulu

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We offer IsiZulu both at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Additional Language level to accommodate everyone from Grade 3 to Grade 7 (compulsory) for beginners. This enables them to speak basic Zulu freely, as our emphasis is more on oral and communicative language in Grade 3-6. The girls also get the chance to know and understand the Zulu cultures as compared to other cultures through the projects that they do.

Grade 7 learners are encouraged to practise communicating in Zulu with other people so as to develop their language communication skills. We create a wide opportunity to listen, read and write.

Learners do a lot of grammar because they write Zulu Shared Assessment at the end of the year, they also get the opportunity to choose between Zulu or Afrikaans in Grade 10. In Grade 10 –12 Language is more intensified.

Grammatical skills are taught to equip them for the matriculation. Our pupils receive individual attention. At matric level the examination involves a strong oral component, the study of set books and submission of portfolios. We are proud of our excellent matric results in isiZulu. We urge parents to motivate their children to take Zulu especially those who speak fluent Zulu because that can help them to get an A (distinction) in Matric. Children who are new to St Dominic's, and who have never done Zulu before, are allowed to do Zulu

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