



Weston Agricultural College

The foremost Agricultural High School
in South Africa

2022 INFORMATION BOOKLET



OUR MISSION

To educate boys for life through the integration of academic and farming instruction, with sports, cultural and leisure activities, in such a way that each boy is given the opportunity to optimise his potential.

We acknowledge the importance of, and will strive to enhance, the links between the school and the pupil's home.

AT WESTON WE STRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE,
LEAD BY EXAMPLE
AND
ACT WITH INTEGRITY.

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WESTON SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

Together with the School Code of Conduct, Weston Agricultural College has a number of school policies in place to ensure that our school is managed in a correct and fair manner.

These School Policies have been approved by the School Governing Body (SGB) as elected by the parent body of Weston Agricultural College. We encourage all parents to ensure they are familiar with the Code of Conduct and these policies.

Copies are available from the school's front office.

Along with the SGB, Weston also has a wonderful group of Moms and Dads who assist at fundraising and sport events. This is an excellent way to become involved in the school and get to know other parents, teachers and administrators at Weston who share the common goal of maintaining a supportive atmosphere at our school.

Weston Old Boys, Westonians, are active in many parts of our country as well as internationally. They assist the school in supporting special projects and also provide business contacts for these projects. Westonians are loyal supporters of our school and an integral part of development and fundraising at Weston while networking to strengthen the agricultural sector.

SPORT

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
<u>1st CHOICE SPORTS:</u> Cricket Basketball Swimming	<u>1st CHOICE SPORTS:</u> Rugby Hockey Cross Country	<u>1st CHOICE SPORTS:</u> Cricket Soccer	<u>1st CHOICE SPORTS:</u> Cricket Basketball Swimming
<u>2nd CHOICE SPORTS:</u> Rock & Surf Angling Fresh Water Fishing Horse Riding	<u>2nd CHOICE SPORTS:</u> Rock & Surf Angling Fresh Water Fishing Squash	<u>2nd CHOICE SPORTS:</u> Rock & Surf Angling Fresh Water Fishing Squash Horse Riding Motorbike Riding Mountain Biking Canoeing	<u>2nd CHOICE SPORTS:</u> Rock & Surf Angling Fresh Water Fishing Squash Horse Riding Motorbike Riding Mountain Biking Canoeing

Please note that sport is compulsory at Weston. Scholars not already committed to a sport will be tasked with completing a fitness test and should they not wish to voluntarily chose a sport where they would like to participate, they will be allocated to a suitable sport.

There is an established link between physical activity and students' academic performance. A student's brain does not keep itself healthy independently. It is the connection with a healthy, moving body that can help improve brain performance.

While engaging in sport, scholars also learn life skills such as team work, leadership skills, social growth and communication, time management and maintaining a healthy lifestyle - a necessary skill in an age of convenience.

We request parents to support us in this endeavour, as it is vital to both the physical and mental health of your child to remain fit and healthy during and after their adolescent years.

Head of Sports: Mr S. Siwela
sports@weston.co.za

BOARDERS DORM KIT

- 1 Large Suitcase / Trunk (max 65cm long x 80cm wide x 38cm high)
- 1 Weekend Bag/Travel Bag
- 1 School Bag
- 1 Rucksack *
- 1 Toiletry Bag and Toiletries
- 1 Alarm Clock
- 1 Table Lamp
- 1 Multi Plug / Two-Prong Plug
- 12 Coat Hangers
- 1 Tuck Box - lockable
- 1 Torch & Headlamp *
- 3 Padlocks with keys
- 1 Shoe Cleaning Kit
- 2 Laundry Bags
- 2 Jolly Bags (Underwear) & 30 cable ties to close Jolly bags
- 2 Pillows & 1 Duvet Inner
- 2 Sets of Bed Linen – Pillow cases, Sheets & Duvet covers
- 3 Bath Towels
- 1 Swimming Towel
- 2 Facecloths
- 1 Sleeping Bag (Camping Trips) *
- Additional Blankets for Winter
- Spare Name Tags

NB: No electric blankets, heaters, kettles, fridges or microwaves are allowed in boarding houses.

* These items are optional

FARM AND SECTION

On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (14:15—16:15) boys have compulsory farm duty which has traditionally been called Section. These farm practicals and duties are done under supervision in groups called gangs. Gangs also have to attend scheduled early morning Section and weekend Section (approx. every 6 weeks). It is compulsory for day scholars to attend Section on Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons as well as weekend Section duty.

The following are skills the boys will learn while on Section:

PRACTICAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Resource Conservation	Baling
Land Preparation	Silage Making
Fertilisation and Pest Control	Pasture Management
Irrigation	Fencing
Planning and Marketing	Vegetable Production
Feedlotting	Dairy Management
Using and Maintaining Machines & Equipment	Animal Husbandry
Workshop—use of tools and machinery	Tractor Driving

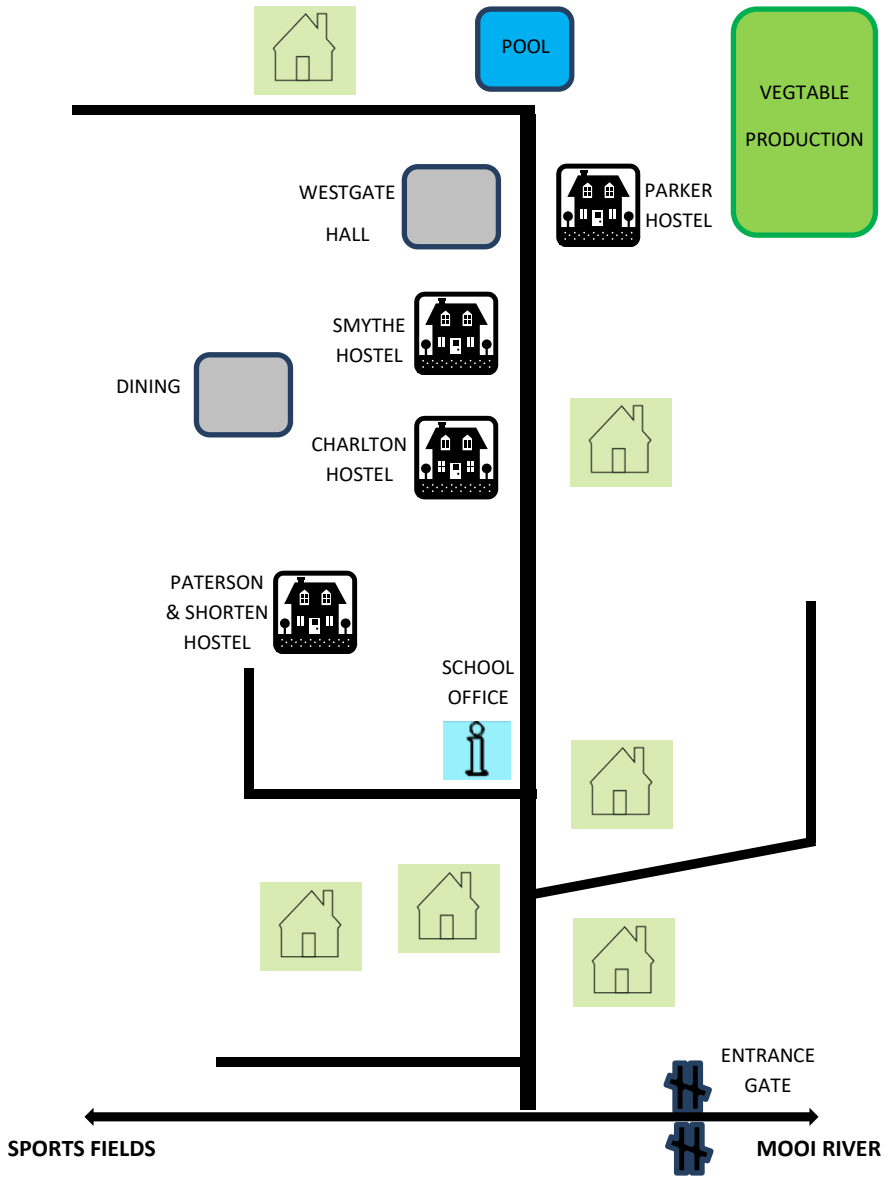
ADDITIONAL COURSES

Artificial Insemination	Calf Rearing
Dohne Merino Sheep Judging	Agricultural Youth Shows
Chainsaw and Electric Fencing	Wool Classification
Tractor Ops and Driving	Labour Law
Brahman Judging	Dairy Judging
SABI Irrigation	Animal Behaviour & Handling
Small Stock Reproduction	Soil Practicals

Head of Agriculture

Mrs H Le Roux
hleroux@weston.co.za

MAP OF WESTON SCHOOL



GENERAL INFORMATION

- We treat public holidays as normal school days and normal school programmes and activities continue on these days.
- Each term has a half term – long weekend break – with the exception of the 4th term.
- The term dates and the term calendar will be posted on D6 as well as the sport and activity fixtures.
- If you have not filled out a medical health record, please email one to the front office — contact@weston.co.za
- Day scholars need to sign in every morning at reception. School lessons start at 07:30 but please ensure your son is dropped off no later than 07:10. Please only collect your son after his sport/section. Should sport/section be cancelled, you will be notified via D6 Communicator.
- Concession/remedial assistance - Mrs Williamson and her team are available to assist your son. Please contact Mrs Williamson directly:
Email: williamson@bundunet.com or Cell # 082 824 3548.
- Sport afternoons: Mon, Wed & Fri are sport afternoons (the term calendar & D6 will give sport details). Sport is from 14:15 - 16:15.
- Section afternoons: Tuesdays, Thursdays and some Saturdays are section/farm activities. Farm tasks are conducted in gangs under supervision. Section is from 14:15- 16:15.
- Section gangs are required to work on the farm on occasional weekends and early mornings. Boarders will be required to stay in the hostel for those weekends/early mornings (approximately every 5th weekend).

BOARDING ROUTINE

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A WESTON BOY

DAILY ROUTINE

- 05:45 Wake up & shower
- 06:10 Inspection in hostel
- 06:30 Breakfast & sick bay
- 07:15 All boarders to school
- 07:30 Registration Class
- 10:10 Tea break
- 10:40 School lessons continue
- 13:20 School lessons end
- 13:20 Lunch
- 14:15 Sport / Section starts
- 16:15 Sport / Section ends
- 16:30 Dorms open & shower time
- 17:30 Dinner & sick bay
- 18:30 Prep starts
- 19:30 Prep break
- 19:45 Prep continues
- 20:30 Prep ends & free time
- 21:00 Quiet time
- 21:30 Lights out

Any breakages & maintenance issues to be reported immediately to the Housemaster.

MORNING FARM SECTION DUTY

- 04:15 Report to Section
- 06:00 Back to hostel

GRADE 8'S

- 18:30 Prep starts
- 19:15 Prep break
- 19:30 Prep continues
- 20:00 Prep ends
- 20:30 Quiet time
- 21:00 Lights out

INSPECTION

- Make bed.
- Shoes polished.
- Cupboards neat and in order.
- Uniform inspection.
- Desks neat and free from toiletries & clutter.
- Common room tidy.
- Clothes and shoes removed from bathrooms.
- Gumboot room tidy.
- Clean shaven face, hair and nails neat.
- Laundry in bag and laundry list correctly completed.
- No items on top of cupboards.
- Shoes in cupboards.
- Bags stored away.

BOARDING CHECKLIST

ADMISSION FORMS

- Have you completed and submitted all the relevant documentation required from you?

MEDICAL

- Have you completed your son's medical health record? Please submit with your admission documents or send to contact@weston.co.za.
- Scholars are not allowed any form of medication in hostel and must hand in all meds to the Sister in the Sanatorium for dispensing.
- You will be notified if your child is in the Sanatorium, consults with a GP or is admitted to hospital. Parents of day scholars will be contacted if the school feels the child needs to be collected from school.
- The school strongly recommends your son is covered by Medical Aid in case of emergencies. Please submit confirmation of this.
- Please submit confirmation that your child has had a Tetanus vaccination prior to arriving at Weston.

EXEAT PROCEDURES

- Parents of boarders will need to complete an exeat form and email should they wish their children to leave the boarding house.
- This form needs to be completed and e-mailed to boarding masters no later than 10:00 on Wednesdays.
- Copies can be obtained on D6 or at the school's front office.
- All Boarders must be signed in and out at the security gate. Boarders are to return to school by 17:00 on Sundays. The exception to that is at the beginning of a new term and following a half term break when it is compulsory for them to return by 17:00 the evening before school starts.
- Boarders may not go out on a Friday if they have sport on the Saturday morning – they may leave after 1st Team games.
- Boarders going out for the day (08:30 – 17:00) must also complete an exeat form and submit no later than 10:00 on the previous Wednesday.
- Kindly note these procedures are for the safety of your children.
- All boarders to depart from school in their No 1 uniforms.

BOARDING CHECKLIST CONT.

BICYCLES AND SKATE BOARDS

- Boarders may bring their bicycles to school but should a large repair need to be done they will have to be taken home at half term/end of term to be repaired. Bicycles may be locked in the bicycle room. All boys riding bikes or boards need to wear a helmet.

“CIVVIES” AND SWIMMING

- Boarding scholars may bring only 4/5 sets of appropriate civvies to school. Weston has a pool, so please supply your child with a costume and swimming towel.

CELL PHONES

- New boys will not be permitted cell phones during the first and second term. Thereafter they will be advised of the school’s cell phone policy and expected to adhere to it.

POCKET MONEY

- Please do not send your son to school with large amounts of cash and also please encourage them to keep their personal items locked away in their rooms.

LAUNDRY

- All clothing must be clearly marked with sew on labels, not marking pens or iron on labels.
- Boys must use their own laundry bags. No laundry will be accepted unless the laundry list is correctly filled out in duplicate.
- Jolly bags must be used for socks and underpants. Please supply cable ties to secure jolly bags. Failing this, laundry will not be done. Clothing that is badly torn will not be accepted by the laundry.
- Scholars will be advised of hand-in and collection times. If a learner does not abide to these times the laundry will not be accepted or returned.

BOARDING HOUSES

PARKER HOUSE

Grade 8 only

PLUS 4 Mixed Grade Hostels

WEST COMMON

EAST COMMON

CHARLTON

SMYTHE

SHORTEN

PATERSON

- Individual cubicles in most hostels
- Meals provided by Weston Caterers
- Boarders may go out on weekends subject to sport and section commitments
 - Exeats and parental permission are required to leave Weston

BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT STAFF

Head of Boarding:

Mr D Govender
boarding@weston.co.za

Parker Housemaster:

Mr T Mkhize
tmkhize@weston.co.za

Smyth Housemaster :

Mr D. Govender
boarding@weston.co.za

Charlton Housemaster:

Mr S. Siwela
sports@weston.co.za

Shorten Housemaster:

Mr Q. Wylie
qwylie@weston.co.za

Paterson Housemaster:

Mr E. Norton
enorton@weston.co.za

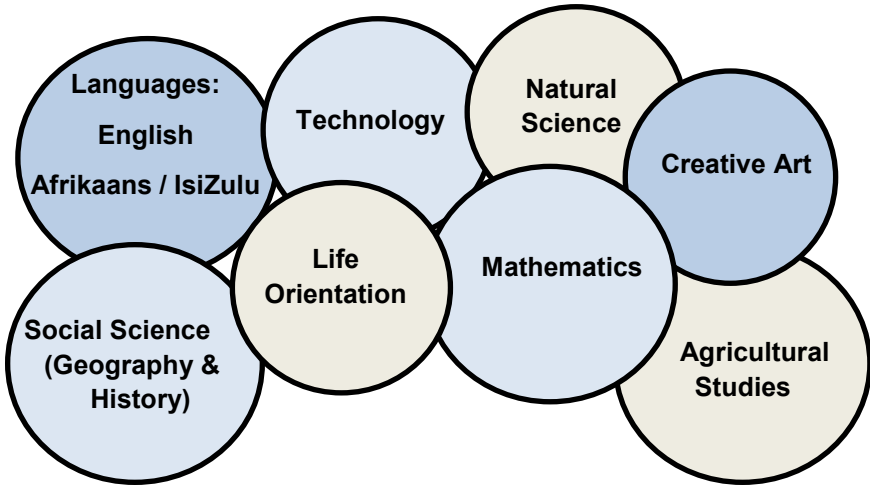
Reminder: Exeats are to be emailed to the Housemaster on
Wednesdays before 10:00.

SUBJECT EDUCATORS

SUBJECT	EDUCATOR	E-MAIL ADDRESS
ENGLISH	Mrs K Boast	kboast@weston.co.za
AFRIKAANS	Mrs C Pretorius	cpretorius@weston.co.za
ISIZULU	Mr M Dlamini	mdlamini@weston.co.za
LIFE ORIENTATION	Mr Q Wylie	qwylie@weston.co.za
MATHEMATICS	Mrs B Nieuwenhuizen	bnwh@weston.co.za
MATHS LITERACY	Mrs M Cole	mcole@weston.co.za
PHYSICAL SCIENCE	Mr V Harisaran	VHarisaran@weston.co.za
AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE	Mrs H le Roux	hleroux@weston.co.za
AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICE	Mr P van Rensburg	pjvr@weston.co.za
AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY	Mr E Norton	enorton@weston.co.za
LIFE SCIENCE	Mr T Mkhize	tmkhize@weston.co.za
GEOGRAPHY	Mr S Siwela	sports@weston.co.za
COMPUTER APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY	Mr V Harisaran	VHarisaran@weston.co.za

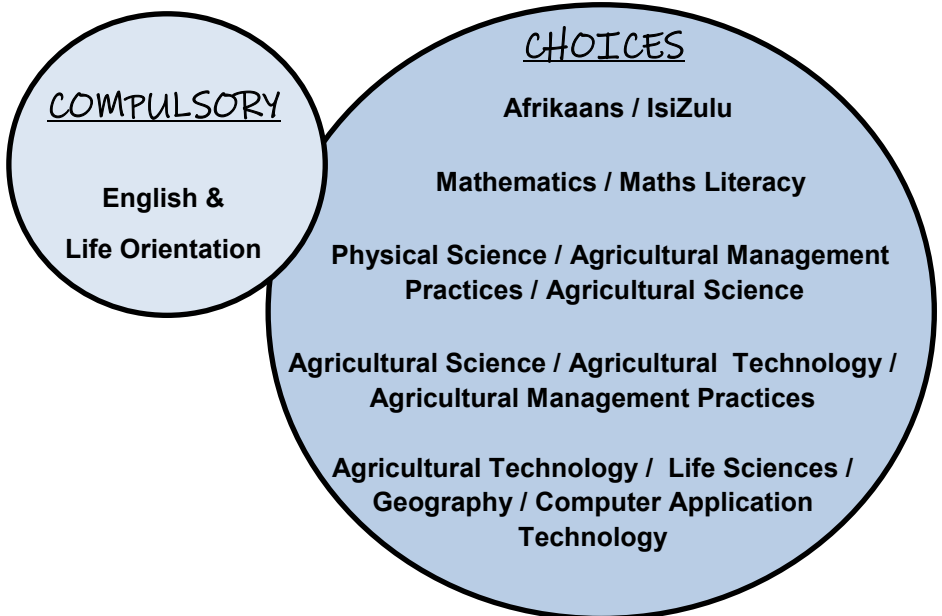
SUBJECTS

GRADE 8 & 9



SUBJECTS

GRADE 10 - 12



STATIONERY

Maths Core students (Gr10 – 12): 1 x scientific calculator (Casio FX 82 ZA Plus)

Maths Lit students (Gr8 – 12): 1 x regular calculator (9 digits)

1 x Maths set

1 x Pencil case

1 x Pencil sharpener

1 x Book bag

2 x glue sticks / Pritt

1 x Scissors

1 x Diary for homework

1 x Cellotape

3 x Rolls of Brown Paper and 3 x Rolls Plastic to cover hardcover books

2 x Rolls of Plastic to cover text books

3 x Blue pens

3 x Pencils – HB / 1 x clutch pencil and 1 x lead refills

2 x Highlighters

Hardcover books (1 Quire) for each subject: Gr8 x 9, Gr9 x 9,

Hardcover books (2 Quire) for each subject: Gr10 x 7, Gr11 x 7, Gr 12 x 7

Flip Files (20pgs): Gr8 x 9, Gr9 x 3, Gr10 x 6, Gr11 x 3, Gr 12 x 3

Flip Files (50pgs): G10 x 1, G11 x 2, G12 x 1

1 x Bilingual Dictionary: English/Afrikaans

1 x World Atlas: G8 & 9 Social Science; G10-G12 Geography

1 x 8GB Memory Stick

Please label / mark all stationery and cover all text books in plastic.

Should you have any queries kindly contact

Mrs Pretorius on cpretorius@weston.co.za

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

FRONT OFFICE

Tel: 033 263 1328

Email: contact@weston.co.za

Principal

Mr D. Maharaj
principal@weston.co.za

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Head of Academics (Admin)

Mrs C Pretorius
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Head of Boarding

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Head of Sport

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Head of Agriculture

Mrs H Le Roux
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Head of Cultural Affairs

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Head of Marketing:

Mrs A Pollock
marketing@weston.co.za

Head of Human Resources

Mrs K Boast
kmb@weston.co.za

E-mail communication is preferred as the above staff members teach during the day and are then involved in section/sport in the afternoons. Cell phone numbers are issued only on request.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

WEBSITE: Weston's website address is www.weston.co.za

THE D6 COMMUNICATOR: This app is an innovative and exciting way of communicating with parents and guardians. It updates automatically and brings you the latest school news and calendar events. It also contains contact information and a range of useful links and documents. We encourage all parents to download and install D6 Communicator on both your phone and laptops.

FACEBOOK: Weston regularly updates our Facebook page with photographs and school information in order to keep parents up to date with learners' activities.

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND SPORTS KIT

Scholars wear Weston No 1's to school on Friday mornings and also when leaving and returning to school hostel. Weston khakis are worn on all other days.

Sports clothing is specific to the sport your son will play. We suggest that you purchase sports uniforms and kit once he has decided which sport he will play. It is however compulsory for learners to have the Weston PE kit.

The Weston uniform can be purchased from Bellims Extension in Mooi River. You can contact Yasmin at Bellims on 083 713 7181 for a fitting or to order.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- 1 Weston Navy School Blazer
- 1 Weston School Tie
- 1 Weston Grey School Jersey
- 2 Grey Longs
- 2 White Shirts
- 6 Weston Long Grey Socks
- 1 Thick Soled Lace Up Black School Shoes
- 3 Khaki Shorts
- 3 Khaki Longs
- 3 Weston Short Sleeved Khaki Shirts
- 3 Weston Long Sleeved Khaki Shirts
- 1 Weston Track Suit
- 1 Weston Kit Bag *
- 1 Weston Sports Anorak
- 2 Weston Sport Golf Shirts (PE kit)
- 2 Weston Sport Navy Shorts (PE kit)
- 2 House T-Shirts (House Colour)
- 1 Weston Peak Cap
- 1 Weston Beanie *
- 1 Weston Scarf *
- 1 Pair Navy Gloves *
- 1 Nato Jacket—Khaki
- 2 Laundry Bags
- 2 Jolly Bags (Underwear)

* These items are optional

RUGBY

- Weston Rugby Jersey
- Rugby Shorts White
- Rugby Boots
- Weston Rugby Socks
- Gum Guard

SOCCER

- Weston Sport Golf Shirt (PE Kit)
- Weston Sport Navy Shorts (PE Kit)
- Weston Rugby Socks

CRICKET

- Cricket Cap and Badge
- White Cricket Longs (U15 up)
- White Cricket Shorts (U14)
- Weston Sport Golf Shirt (PE Kit)
- Cricket Spikes
- Cricket Kit

BASKET BALL

- Weston Sport Golf Shirt (PE Kit)
- Weston Sport Navy Shorts (PE Kit)
- Weston Rugby Socks

HOCKEY

- Weston Sport Golf Shirt (PE Kit)
- Weston Sport Navy Shorts (PE Kit)
- Weston Rugby Socks
- Gum Guard
- Shinpads

WATER POLO AND SWIMMING

- Weston Sport Golf Shirt (PE Kit)
- Weston Sport Navy Shorts (PE Kit)
- Weston Costume
- Navy Towel

2022 SCHEDULE OF FEES

BOARDING AND TUITION:

Grade 8 and 9	R100 000 per annum	R10 000 per month	R25 000 per term
Grades 10 – 12	R110 000 per annum	R11 000 per month	R27 500 per term

NB: The compulsory accident insurance cover has been withdrawn. Parents will be required to make use of their own medical aid or gap cover where necessary.

Payment of Fees – School fees should be paid at the start of each term however the following options are available:

Annually

If the 2022 annual fees are paid **in full** by 30 December 2021 a 10% discount is offered.
If the 2022 annual fees are paid **in full** by 31 January 2022 a 5% discount is offered.

Termly

Fees may be paid **in full** termly **IN ADVANCE**. Such fees will attract a 1.5% rebate.

Via Debit Order

Fees may be paid monthly over a 10-month period (January to October) by debit order. Such fees will attract a 1.25% per month rebate. Failed debit orders will carry an additional charge of R85.

Via EFT or Cash Deposit

Fees paid via EFT, cash deposit or other method direct to the College's bank account will not receive a rebate.

All extras will be charged on a monthly basis and are required to be paid on presentation of the account. Any overdue amounts will be charged interest at the maximum prescribed rate in accordance with the National Credit Act 34 of 2005.

All accounts are to be settled by the end of October.

A full term's notice, in writing, or one term's fees in lieu thereof, is required before withdrawal of a pupil from school or hostel.

Admission Fee

In the case of a new pupil, an admission fee of R1 000, which is non-refundable, should accompany the application form.

On receipt of the application form, the admission fee, the pupil's birth certificate and a copy of his most recent school report, the parents and pupil will be invited for an interview with the Principal.

Should a pupil request to leave after entering Weston, a full term's notice in writing is required.

School Bank Account

Weston Agricultural College
Mooi River
Account : 6231 363 0073

First National Bank
Branch Code - 25 06 55
Swift Code : FIRNZAJ

2022 TERM DATES

FIRST TERM	SCHOOL OPENS	MID-TERM	SCHOOL CLOSES
<p>Wednesday, 19 January to Thursday, 24 March</p>	<p>Wed, 12 January 07:30 SMT, Admin and Support Staff Return Sat, 15 January 08:00 House Leaders Return Sun, 16 January 10:30 New boys and parents meet in school hall. Mon, 17 January 09:00 Educators' Meeting Tues, 18 January Boarders return to school: 13:00 - Charlton 14:00 - Smythe 15:00 - Shorten 16:00 - Paterson Wed, 19 January 07:15 School Commences</p>	<p>Wed, 16 February Swimming Gala 13:30 Learners depart Mon, 21 February 17:00 Boarders return Tues, 22 February 07:15 School commences</p>	<p>Thurs, 24 March 13:30 End of Term Assembly Thereafter learners depart.</p>
SECOND TERM	SCHOOL OPENS	MID-TERM	SCHOOL CLOSES
<p>Tuesday, 5 April to Thursday, 23 June</p>	<p>Mon, 4 April 17:00 Boarders return Tues, 5 April 07:15 School commences</p>	<p>Easter Weekend: Thurs, 14 April 13:30 Learners depart Mon, 18 April 17:00 Boarders return Tues, 19 April 07:15 School commences Mid Term: Wed, 11 May 13:30 Learners depart Mon, 16 May 17:00 Boarders return Tues, 17 May 07:15 School commences</p>	<p>Thurs, 23 June 13:30 End of Term Assembly Thereafter learners depart.</p>
THIRD TERM	SCHOOL OPENS	MID-TERM	SCHOOL CLOSES
<p>Tuesday, 19 July to Thursday, 29 September</p>	<p>Mon, 18 July 17:00 Boarders return Tues, 19 July 07:15 School commences</p>	<p>Wed, 17 August 13:30 Learners depart Mon, 22 August 17:00 Boarders return Tues, 23 August 07:15 School commences</p>	<p>Thurs, 29 September 13:30 End of Term Assembly Thereafter learners depart.</p>
FOURTH TERM	SCHOOL OPENS	MID-TERM	SCHOOL CLOSES
<p>Tuesday, 11 October to Wednesday, 14 December</p>	<p>Mon, 10 October 17:00 Boarders return Tues, 11 October 07:15 School commences</p>	<p>No Mid-Term Break</p>	<p>Wed, 14 December 12:30 Final Assembly Thereafter learners depart.</p>

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TERM 1: Wed, 19 January to Thurs, 24 March
TERM 2: Tues, 5 April to Thurs, 23 June
TERM 3: Tues, 19 July to Thurs, 29 September
TERM 4: Tues, 11 October to Wed, 14 December

2022 MID-TERM BREAKS

TERM 1: Wed, 16 February - Tues, 22 February
TERM 2: Easter: Thur, 14 April - Tues, 19 April
Wed, 11 May - Tues, 17 May
TERM 3: Wed, 17 August - Tues, 23 August
TERM 4: No Mid-Term Break

ROUTINE MEETINGS AND SCHEDULES

EXEATS	Parents to email Housemaster by 10:00 on Wednesdays.
STAFF BRIEFINGS	Mondays —07:15
SMT MEETING	Wednesdays—13:20
FARM MEETING	Mondays—13:20
HOUSE LEADERS' MEETING	Wednesdays —18:00
VISITING HOURS	Saturdays—11:30 to 17:00
(with permission)	Sundays — 08:00 to 15:00
BOARDING ROLL CALL	Monday - Friday—06:25 Saturday & Sunday—After Breakfast
S.C.A.	Wednesdays—20:30
CHURCH SERVICES	Transport is available every Sunday to the various denominations in Mooi River

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WATCH SPORT DURING WEEKENDS.