

# Ark Christian School, The

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The Ark Christian School is an educational ministry, focusing on the holistic development of the child in a Christian environment. Born of a need to educate the children of addicts, the destitute and homeless undergoing rehabilitation at the Ark City of Refuge, our school started life in 1993 as an informal school with lessons conducted under a tree at the former premises of the ministry in Westlake. Local schools refused to accommodate these children at the time. Each ensuing year brought with it its own particularly seemingly insurmountable need and each year God's tender love for His children manifested itself and His ever-abundant grace met the challenge. The school was registered with the W.C.E.D. in 1993 and graduated grade by grade until it produced its first matriculants in 2000. It remained registered for learners from Grades 1-12 until December 2005. With current changes in the field of education the school scaled down to Grade 9 in 2006. The ministry's relocation to Faure in 1999 brought with it the wonderful gift of formal school building and this led to rapid expansion as parents in the surrounding townships of Driftsands, Mfuleni and Khayelitsha sought Christian education for their children.

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