
SPARK High School Need-to-Know Guide 2023

School Location

SPARK Riversands is located at The Parks, Entrance 2, Rose Road, Knopjeslaagte, Midrand, Johannesburg, 2189

Instructional Calendar and School Hours

Please refer to the [Instructional Calendar](#) for term dates, school hours, minimum days, report card conferences, and public holidays. The first day of school for grade 8 scholars is the 18th January 2023, 7:30-12:00.

Arrivals

The school gates open for arrivals at 6:45am daily. All scholars must arrive using the Rose Road gate to drive straight. Do not turn left once you are inside the school.

Parents and transport drivers must have their SPARK Riversands High School placard visible to enter the school gates. After 7:30am, tardy scholars must report to the reception area for attendance before going to class.

Dismissals

Dismissal occurs from 2:30pm to 2:45pm for Grades 8-9. On minimum days, school begins at 7:30am and finishes at 1:30pm for all grades. Please look out for minimum days in the calendar.

All scholars will be picked up at the far end of the parking lot.

Parents who would like to request permission for their child to walk to and from school must complete the [Self transport form](#)

Grade 8 Orientation

All new grade 8 scholars are invited to SPARK Riversands High along with their families for an exciting orientation day on the 18th of January, 7:30-12:00! On this day, parents will receive all the information they need for the term and will be able to answer all the questions they have, whilst the scholars will take part in team-building fun and school orientating activities. Please can all scholars come dressed in their SPARK uniform on the day.

Placard Pick-up

Parents must pick up their child's placard, which is used to enter the school gates during arrivals and dismissals, before the school year begins. Parents or guardians may only be issued a placard if they are on the SPARK account for that specific scholar. **Placards for returning and newly enrolled students will be available for pick-up 16-19 January 2023 from 8am to 3pm.** Parents are **not** permitted to use placards from previous school years.

Learning Material and Other Resources

The annual educational resource fee includes all classroom resources, workbooks, club resources, and XC project resources and files. Scholars are allocated a class copy of all required textbooks and setworks (novels or plays required for English Home Language) for use at school.

Parents must supply consumable stationery such as pens, pencils, rulers, math sets and erasers for use at home and school. Scholars will also require a scientific calculator to be used at home and school.

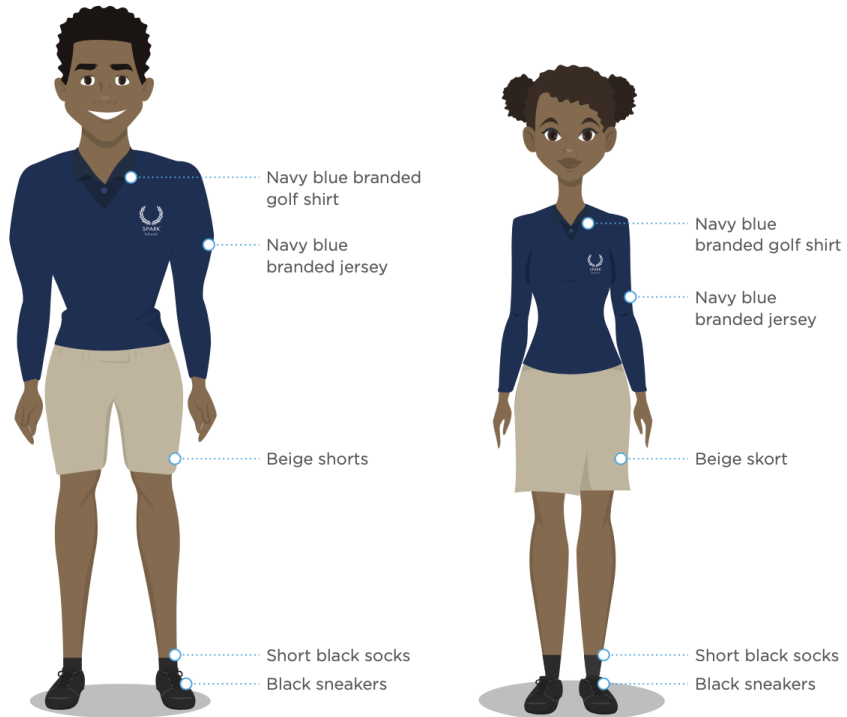
The school will issue workbooks to scholars in each subject for use both at home and at school.

Uniforms

SPARK Riversands High's is a blue SPARK Schools golf shirt and khaki pants/skirts with black takkies. Parents can purchase the uniform at School and Leisure. Toughees will not be accepted as appropriate school shoes.

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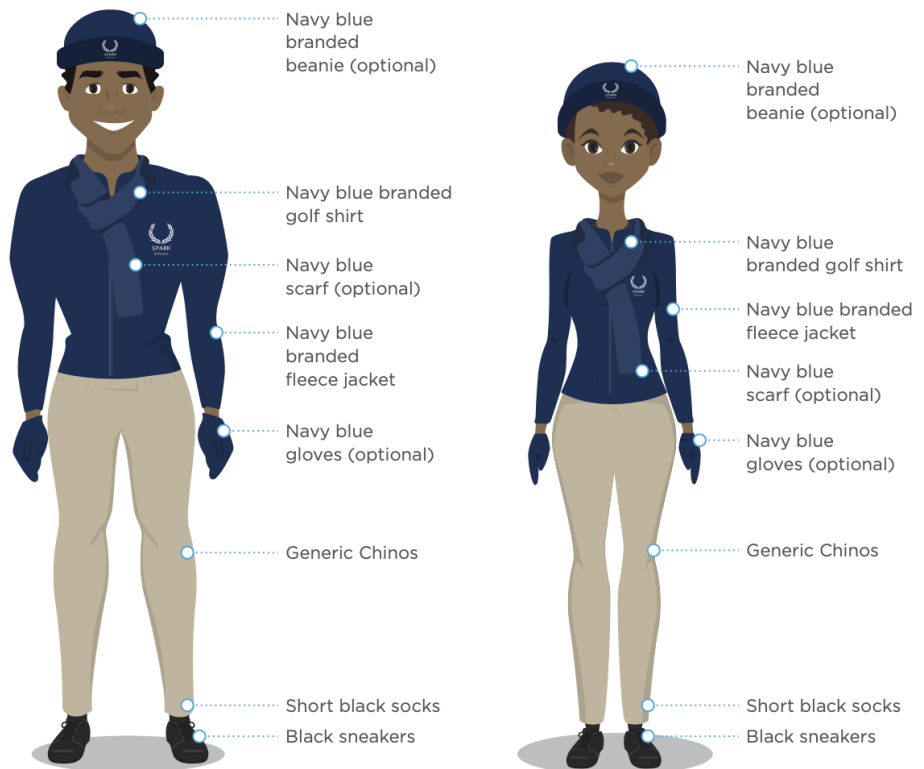
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SPARK High Schools' After-School Program is offered for Senior Phase scholars from dismissal until 5:30pm. Scholars who are picked up late will incur late pick-up fees as per the Study Hall contract.

Please note that a full list of what activities will be offered during this program will be shared early in the term.

Transport Guide

SPARK Schools does not provide, promote, or endorse any scholar transport. Parents/guardians, who decide to make use of scholar transport, do so at their own risk. Transport drivers must provide a placard to pick up any scholar, as they will not be allowed to pick up any scholar without a placard. Further, if a transport driver is late to pick-up a scholar or violates the school rules and regulations, the parents of the scholar will be held responsible.

We encourage all SPARK parents to ensure that the transport supplier they utilise complies with the norms and standards of learner transport in the National Transport Policy. Their transport driver must have a driver's license and public driver's permit, and they must have a valid license disc for their vehicle. Please ensure your child's transport driver can produce a roadworthy certificate for their vehicle.

Finally, the Independent Schools Association of Southern Africa, of which SPARK Schools is a member, has advised against the use of Uber by scholars, owing to Uber's age restrictions, which are set out in its Terms and Conditions and indicate that no person under the age of 18 may use their service. SPARK Schools will not allow any scholars to be picked by an Uber (or equivalent), unaccompanied by a parent or guardian.

Questions?

If you have questions about any of this information, please call the school phone number at +27 10 593 4752 or email riversandshigh@sparkschools.co.za.
