



**GRACE & TRUTH**  
CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**PRETORIA CAMPUS**

# PROSPECTUS



*“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth.”*

**JOHN 1:14**

# A Homeschool Co-Op

## About Us

We are a community of Christian families committed to educating our children at home — together. We are not a school. Parents remain the primary educators. We come alongside you once a week to share the load, inspire your students, and celebrate learning in community.



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# 1. What Is Classical Christian Education?



Classical Christian Education is one of the oldest and most proven approaches to education in the Western world — the model that shaped the great thinkers, writers, statesmen, and theologians of history. It trains students not merely to accumulate facts, but to think clearly, write beautifully, speak persuasively, and reason from a firm biblical foundation.

The name comes from the Trivium — the three-stage framework at the heart of classical learning. Each stage aligns with how children naturally develop in mind, will, and character.

## 1. Grammar Stage • Grades 1–6

Children are natural memorisers. They absorb the grammar of every subject — the facts of history, the rules of language, the stories of Scripture, the vocabulary of science. We fill their minds with the best: great literature, memory work, catechism, living books, and the great sweep of history. They learn to love learning.

## 2. Dialectic Stage • Grades 7–9

Students begin to question everything — and this is exactly right. At the Dialectic stage, we channel that energy into rigorous thinking. Students learn to argue well, detect fallacies, analyse texts, and form convictions. They begin reading the Great Books that shaped Western civilisation, learning to evaluate ideas by the standard of Scripture.

## 3. Rhetoric Stage • Grades 10–12

Students have the tools. Now they learn to wield them with eloquence and conviction. They write formal essays, deliver speeches, and engage in Socratic discussion on the great questions of history and faith. They graduate ready to defend what they believe, engage the culture with grace, and lead in their families, their churches, and the world.

## Goal

A classical Christian education produces graduates who are not just academically prepared — they are formed. They know what they believe, why they believe it, and how to communicate it. They are ready for university, for work, and above all, for a life of faithful service to God and neighbour.

*“Let’s use the Classics to teach our children how to take every thought captive.  
Let’s use every story to illustrate mankind’s sin and need for a Saviour.”*

— Grace & Truth Co-Op

## 2. Our Educational Philosophy

We believe that education is discipleship. Jesus told us that everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher (Luke 6:40). The question is not whether our children will be shaped by what they learn — they will be. The question is whether we will be intentional about who and what shapes them.

### Education Is Discipleship

- Education must lead to worship. As we study God's general revelation — the world He created — we see order and beauty in mathematics and science because there is a great Designer behind the laws of nature. If our knowledge does not lead to worship, it will lead to death (Romans 1:18–27).
- Education is exercising God-given dominion. God gave us dominion over His creation and wants us to study it, to name it, to cultivate it. Our children should learn to observe and label and experiment as they grow in wisdom.
- Education is studying God's special revelation in His Word. We teach our children to read and study the Scriptures from infancy, to memorise creeds and catechisms, and to build their lives on the solid rock of obedience to God's Word.
- Education is comparing every other truth claim to the Bible. We must teach our children to be in the world but not of it — to think critically and to give a defence for the hope that is in them, with gentleness and reverence (1 Peter 3:15).
- Education is preparation for a life calling of service to others, in fulfilment of the second greatest commandment: to love your neighbour as yourself.

### Our Doctrinal Foundation

The facilitators at Grace and Truth Co-op teach from the perspective of the Sola Five Confession of Faith and Core Values — the Five Solas of the Reformation: Scripture Alone, Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Christ Alone, and Glory to God Alone. Robust discussion and debate are welcomed and encouraged. Families may hold differing views on secondary doctrines.

Read the full confession at [sola5.org/confession](http://sola5.org/confession).

### We Are Not a School

Grace and Truth Co-op is not a school. Each family retains full responsibility for the education and assessment of their own children, providing daily supervision and accountability. Parents develop the educational plan, maintain daily learning at home, and hold their children accountable throughout the week. We walk alongside you — but the joyful responsibility of discipling your children belongs to you.

We recommend that high school families register through HomeLife Academy for an internationally recognised American High School Diploma. A volunteer is available to assist new families with this process when they join.

## 3. Legal Status & Important Disclaimers

### Grace and Truth Is a Homeschool Co-operative

Grace and Truth Co-op is a private homeschool co-operative. It is not registered as a school and does not operate as one. Families who join remain legally responsible for the home education of their own children in accordance with South African law.

### Home Education & Legal Registration

South African law (Schools Act, Section 51) permits parents to educate their children at home. Parents are responsible for registering their children as home learners with their provincial Department of Basic Education. Grace and Truth Co-op does not perform this registration on behalf of families.

We recommend that all families obtain membership with the Pestalozzi Trust, which provides legal advocacy and guidance for homeschooling families in South Africa.

### Assessment & Curriculum Responsibility

Facilitators at Grace and Truth provide instruction, discussion facilitation, and feedback. Final assessment of each student remains the parent's responsibility. Parents are responsible for selecting, purchasing, and sourcing all curriculum materials for their children.

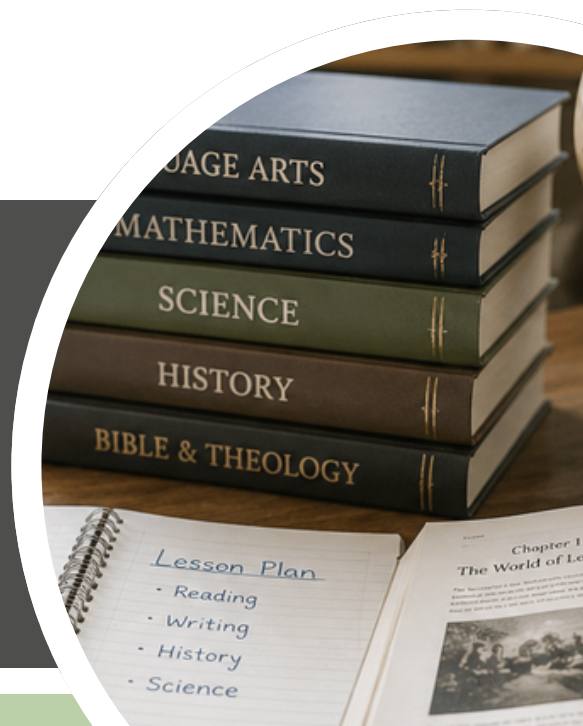
Grace and Truth does not provide a South African National Curriculum (CAPS) pathway. Families pursuing a South African matric are responsible for making their own arrangements.

### American High School Diploma

High school students following the Grace and Truth programme may pursue an American High School Diploma through HomeLife Academy — an accredited American institution. This is a private, internationally recognised credential. Grace & Truth is a micro-school of HomeLife Academy and will offer assistance in registration and record-keeping for each student from Grade 9–12. Even though we assist all families, the final requirements for entrance into university programmes remain the responsibility of each parent.

### PLEASE NOTE:

Fees, specific curriculum levels, class offerings, and scheduling are subject to change annually. Current information is always available on our website at [www.graceandtruthco-op.com](http://www.graceandtruthco-op.com). Please do not purchase books or curriculum until your class enrollment has been confirmed in writing.



## 4. Our Campuses, Models & Teachers

### Our Campuses

#### **PRETORIA CAMPUS**

Pretoria, Gauteng

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The Pretoria campus began in 2022 with a group of like-minded families passionate about classical Christian education. It follows the model pioneered in Johannesburg, with a strong commitment to academic excellence and biblical formation.

#### **JOHANNESBURG CAMPUS**

Johannesburg, Gauteng

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The Johannesburg campus is where Grace and Truth began. It is the oldest of the co-operatives and the model on which all other campuses are built, with a proven track record of graduates who are academically prepared and deeply formed in a biblical worldview.

### Three Ways to Participate

#### **ON CAMPUS — Friday Co-op**

Students and parents gather on Friday for classes, discussion, and community. Facilitators lead sessions; students arrive having prepared throughout the week at home. Parents are actively involved — attending, assisting, and in many cases facilitating classes themselves.

#### **Parent Involvement**

Grace and Truth is a co-operative — which means parents are not merely clients. They are participants. Parents attend classes with their children, serve in administrative roles, assist facilitators, and in many cases teach courses themselves. This shared investment is part of what makes co-op education so powerful.

#### **ONLINE CLASSES**

Grace and Truth Online offers live online classes for families who cannot attend a campus on Fridays, or who wish to supplement their campus programme with additional courses. All classes are scheduled in the South African time-zone and follow the South African school calendar.

#### **HYBRID**

Some families combine campus attendance with online classes — particularly for specialist subjects such as Afrikaans, mathematics, or grammar that may be offered online for all campuses.

## Our Teachers & Facilitators

We do not merely esteem our teachers as subject specialists. We esteem them as biblical, Christlike models — men and women who teach not only with competence, but with character.

### Elder-Qualified Men

*“An elder must be blameless... able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.” — Titus 1:7,9*

Where the co-op offers teaching in theology, Bible, worldview, and Chapel, we seek men who meet the biblical standard for eldership: men of sound doctrine, godly character, and proven faith. Our students are taught Scripture by men whose lives commend the gospel they teach.

### Titus 2 Women

*“Older women... are to teach what is good, and so train the young women...” — Titus 2:3–5*

Our female facilitators are chosen not only for their subject knowledge but for their godliness, their love of learning, and their desire to disciple the next generation. They model what it means to be a woman of grace and truth — in the classroom and in life.

### Specialist Subject Tutors

For higher grade subjects requiring specialist expertise — sciences, mathematics, writing, and others — Grace and Truth draw on specialist tutors. These may be qualified subject teachers, university-educated parents, or professionals in their fields. All tutors teach from a Sola Five biblical worldview. The specific tutors and subjects available vary from year to year; details are published on the website for each academic year.

# LOWER GRAMMAR

Grades 1-4



## Classical Education for Young Learners

The Grammar stage is the foundation of everything. Young children are extraordinary learners — they absorb language, stories, facts, and patterns with remarkable ease. Classical education harnesses this natural capacity deliberately and joyfully.

Lower Grammar students learn to love learning. They fill their minds with the great stories of history, the beauty of great literature, the wonder of science, and the truth of Scripture. The emphasis is not on testing or performance — it is on forming the habits of attention, narration, memory, and delight that will serve them for life. Learning at this stage is rich, multi-sensory, and community-oriented. Students draw timelines, make lapbooks and crafts, sing memory songs, recite catechism, narrate what they have read, and celebrate each unit of study together. Education is not a chore — it is an adventure.

## PROGRAMMES OFFERED



**Claritas Press Memory** - Class Classical memory work covering scripture, history timeline, geography, Latin vocabulary, science facts, and catechism — sung and chanted together in community. One of the most joyful parts of co-op life.



**Tapestry of Grace - History & Crafts** A chronological, God-centered journey through history. Students engage with living books, timelines, maps, and period-themed crafts and activities that bring history to life. All historical study is integrated with a biblical worldview.



**Tapestry of Grace - Literature** Students read and discuss great literature carefully selected to complement the historical period under study. Narration, listening, and a love of great stories are cultivated from the earliest years.



**IEW Writing** - The Institute for Excellence in Writing method introduces structured writing using structure and style. Students learn to take notes, retell narratives, summarise, and begin composing their own stories.



**Apologia Science** - Charlotte Mason-inspired science covering botany, zoology, astronomy, anatomy, and general science. Students keep nature journals, conduct simple experiments, and learn to observe God's creation with wonder and precision.



**Tapestry Fine Arts & Activities** - Art, history and enrichment activities coordinated with each historical unit. Students are introduced to the great artists and composers of history in the context of the world they inhabited.

# UPPER GRAMMAR

Grades 5-6



## Classical Education for Upper Grammar

Upper Grammar students are consolidating the foundations laid in the early years and beginning to ask deeper questions. They are still fundamentally grammar-stage learners — they love facts, patterns, stories, and categorisation — but their capacity for analysis and independent thought is growing.

At this stage, students continue to read widely and well, but their engagement with texts deepens. They begin to make connections between history, literature, and worldview. Writing instruction becomes more structured. History expands from narrative to include government, geography, and church history. The goal is to consolidate a rich store of knowledge and to begin developing the habits of careful thought that will serve them in the Dialectic years ahead.

## PROGRAMMES OFFERED



**Claritas Press Memory** - Class Classical memory work covering scripture, history timeline, geography, Latin vocabulary, science facts, and catechism — sung and chanted together in community. One of the most joyful parts of co-op life.



**Tapestry of Grace - History, Lapbooks & Crafts** The same chronological sweep of history, now with greater depth. Students engage with more complex reading, begin exploring government and geography, and create lapbooks and projects that synthesise their learning.



**Tapestry of Grace - Literature & Worldview** Students read increasingly rich literature and begin to discuss the ideas embedded in the texts they read. Worldview questions begin to surface naturally through the stories and historical events under study.



**IEW Writing** - Writing instruction continues to develop with the IEW method. Students practise summarising, note-taking, report writing, and structured essay forms, building confidence and competence as communicators.



**Apologia Science** - Science continues to cover the breadth of God's creation: earth science, physical science, general science, and life science, with notebooking and hands-on activities.



**Tapestry Fine Arts & Activities** - Art, history and enrichment activities coordinated with each historical unit. Students are introduced to the great artists and composers of history in the context of the world they inhabited.

*"Upper Grammar is a crucial stage for building the love of learning that will sustain students through the more demanding years ahead. We take our time here, and we celebrate what students are discovering."*

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# DIALECTIC

Grades 7-9



## Classical Education for the Dialectic Years

Something shifts in a student around age twelve. Questions multiply. Arguments begin. The student who once happily memorised now wants to debate. Classical education treats this not as a problem to manage, but as a gift to cultivate.

Dialectic students are taught to argue well — to reason carefully, to detect fallacies, to engage with opposing ideas rigorously rather than dismissively. They begin reading the Great Books of Western civilisation: the texts that have shaped the world they have inherited. They learn to evaluate every idea by the standard of Scripture, to articulate what they believe and why, and to understand how the great worldviews of history have competed with the gospel.

This is the most important stage to homeschool. Dialectic students are forming their convictions. They need guidance, community, and parents who are present in the conversation. Grace and Truth provides exactly this: a community of students engaging great ideas under the guidance of teachers who take both the texts and the students seriously.

## PROGRAMMES OFFERED



**Inductive Bible Study** - Compulsory for all students from Grade 7. Systematic inductive study of Scripture, with small group discussion and Chapel teaching by an elder-qualified man. Offered in Core and Honours (credit-bearing) tracks.



**Tapestry of Grace - History, Literature & Worldview or Omnibus I-III** Students engage primary and secondary historical sources, read great literature in its historical context, and participate in Socratic discussion. Worldview studies examine the Christian and secular philosophical currents of each era.



**Tapestry of Grace Writing** - Essay writing, research reports, persuasive writing, and literary analysis. Students develop the ability to construct and defend an argument in writing, all connected to their history and worldview studies.



**Apologia Science** - Introductory sciences through Apologia: General Science, Physical Science, and Biology, with parent-overseen labs and notebooking.



**Logic - Fallacy Detective & Thinking Toolbox** Informal logic, argumentation, and the detection of logical fallacies. Students learn to identify errors.

*"Children in the dialectic stage are beginning to determine their own worldview. They are asking: Is my parents' faith mine? This is the most important stage to homeschool. They need guidance. They need their parents at their side, helping them talk through things biblically."*

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### Classical Education for the Rhetoric Years

Rhetoric students have the tools of grammar and logic. Now they learn to wield them with eloquence, conviction, and grace. This is the culminating stage of classical education — and it is where everything comes together.

Students write formal essays, deliver speeches, and engage in sustained Socratic discussion on the great questions of history, philosophy, theology, and literature. They defend their arguments before their peers and their teachers. They read the texts that have shaped Western civilisation and learn to evaluate them by the light of Scripture. They graduate as young men and women who can think, write, and speak — and who know what they believe and why.

High school at Grace and Truth is demanding and richly rewarding. Our graduates enter university, the workplace, and adult life with an intellectual formation and a biblical grounding that sets them apart.

### PROGRAMMES OFFERED



**Inductive Bible Study** - Always first. Compulsory for all high school students. Systematic study through the entire Bible over three years, with Chapel teaching by elder-qualified men and small group discipleship. The Honours track earns a Theology credit through HomeLife Academy.



**Tapestry of Grace Rhetoric or Omnibus IV–VI** - Engagement with primary sources and the Great Books of Western civilisation from antiquity to the modern era. Emphasis on Socratic dialogue, formal essay writing, oral defence, and synthesis across history, literature, theology, and worldview.



**Rhetoric Writing** - Formal essay writing, research papers, and rhetorical composition integrated with the reading programme. Students learn to write and argue with precision, structure, and persuasive power.



**Berean Builders** - Laboratory Sciences Honours-level Chemistry and Physics with Dr Jay Wile's Berean Builders and Apologia curriculum. Lab work is conducted by students under parental oversight. Designed to prepare students for AP-level science.



**Apologia Advanced Sciences** - Apologia Advanced Biology, Physics and Advanced Chemistry for students pursuing science-intensive university pathways.



**Logic** - Continued formal and informal logic, preparing students to engage university-level philosophical and ethical arguments with confidence and clarity.

#### What Rhetoric Students Develop

*The ability to read a complex text and analyse it carefully*

*The skill to write a formal, well-reasoned essay*

*The confidence to defend a position in Socratic discussion*

*A comprehensive grasp of Western history, literature, and philosophy*

*A robust biblical worldview, tested against the greatest ideas of history*

*The academic preparation needed for the SAT and university admission*



## 9. Grace & Truth Online

Grace and Truth Online brings the same classical Christian education to families who cannot attend a campus on Fridays, and extends access to all writing, history and worldview classes, as well as specialist subjects to all campus families across South Africa and abroad.

### Available to All Campus Families

Some courses are offered online for all Grace and Truth families — including those attending a physical campus — because they are best delivered by a specialist, and are most efficiently shared across the co-op community. These currently include:



**Afrikaans Letterkunde en Taalleer** - live online classes covering both literature and language. Available to all Grace and Truth students regardless of campus.



**Mathematics Cambridge Mathematics** - live online classes with a specialist tutor. Rigorous, internationally recognised, and available to all campus families.



**Grammar Grammar for the Well-Trained Mind** - facilitated online. A thorough, classical approach to English grammar that prepares students for formal writing and language study.

### For Families Who Cannot Attend a Campus

Grace and Truth Online also serves families across South Africa and internationally who cannot access a physical campus on Fridays. These families receive the same curriculum, the same community, and the same standard of instruction — delivered through a live, interactive online classroom.

- Live classes scheduled in the South African time-zone
- Access to all Grace & Truth curriculum materials via Homeschool-Life
- Educational planning and coaching support
- HomeLife Academy registration for the American High School Diploma
- A growing digital community of fellow scholars from Christian homes



**Find out more:**

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## 10. HomeLife Academy & the American High School Diploma

### An Internationally Recognised Credential

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### How It Works

Families register as a group through Grace & Truth with HomeLife Academy. HomeLife Academy provides the official academic transcript, diploma, and — where applicable — the documentation required for university applications. Grace & Truth provides the curriculum, the instruction, and the academic community. Parents provide the oversight, assessment, and daily accountability.

The pathway requires students to accumulate the required credit hours across approved subjects, write the SAT, and meet HomeLife Academy's graduation requirements. A Grace and Truth volunteer is available to guide new families through the registration and graduation planning process.

### The SAT & University Admission

Most South African universities, as well as many international institutions, accept the HomeLife Academy diploma in combination with a qualifying SAT score. The USAF (University South Africa Foundation) evaluation process is the standard pathway for South African university admission, and Grace and Truth has extensive experience guiding families through it.

Our graduates have been accepted at universities including the University of Stellenbosch, the University of the Witwatersrand, TOGI, Regent Business School, Akademia, The Masters University (USA), and others.

## Our Graduates

Grace and Truth has graduated students who have gone on to pursue medicine, occupational therapy, nursing, law, engineering, business, theology, education, software development, and the arts. Some have gone directly into the workplace. Some have taken gap years. All have left with a biblical worldview, a love of learning, and the thinking skills that set them apart.

### *In Their Own Words:*

*"I went into university faced with secular, liberal worldview all around, but knowing exactly what I believe, why I believe and how to defend it should the opportunity arrive, which it has several times.*

— Anna Britz, Nursing student • Certificates of Achievement for outstanding academic work

*"My treasured ability to think in pressured environments and seek a deeper, more intricate knowledge of what I surround myself with was born in the classrooms of Grace and Truth Co-op."*

— Francois Venter, BCom Project Management • Junior Project Manager • Letter of Recommendation, Project Management Institute

*I have very fond memories of co-op and believe that it was excellent preparation for University and for work. Omnibus taught me how to think through complex issues by applying Biblical principles, and gave me a thorough overview of history, literature and economics. The skill of reading, presenting, and debating honed at co-op prepared me for high pressure meetings and negotiations in my daily work. A few of my University professors commented that my presentations, debates, and written reports were among the best they had seen in 20+ years of teaching, and I credit Omnibus with a lot of this."*

— Titus Cantrell, BS Business Management & Finance • President's Scholarship all four years • 99th percentile national ETS Business exam

*"I was prepared well to think clearly and rightly about the world and have found that what I learned through Omnibus has prepared me to be less susceptible to erroneous thinking, especially the very dangerous ideas spread by the modern thought systems of the world."*

— Joshua Britz, Senior Software Engineer at a global firm

*"The Omnibus writing prepared me for what is expected at University level, as well as giving me a biblical worldview that helps me thrive as a Christian in a secular world."*

— Thomas-Dreyer Potgieter, BEng Mechanical Engineering • Graduated at age 17

*"My academic readiness for university is far ahead of many of my classmates, and that is directly because of Co-Op. The level of study, the content, the standards, and the complexity of the work put me in a much stronger academic position."*

— Retang Letswalo, Working for a Venture Capital firm in America • Second-best Academic Scholarship, The Masters University

*"It shaped my thinking to help me critically evaluate the worldviews and information I encounter both at university and in my personal life. It taught me to not be afraid of differing opinions, but to treat everyone as Christ would while declaring the truth in love."*

— Megan Barker, BHSc Health Sciences, University of the Witwatersrand • Staff Bursary recipient

*"I was on the Dean's list for the top 10% of students each year. I enjoyed it and it prepared me well."*  
— Evan Cantrell, BCom Law & LLB • Practising Attorney • Dean's List • Top student, Law of Estates

*"It absolutely did prepare me. I have completed a Higher Certificate at Akademia and am continuing my studies."*

— Erin van der Berg, Higher Certificate in Office Administration, Akademia

*"I enjoyed my time at the co-op and it prepared me to work hard. I wish I had been with the co-op from the start of my homeschooling journey."*

— Andri Potgieter, Sport Scholarship • Studying Sport Management & Education

## Ready to find out more?

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