

Our History

Our Beginnings

Global Academy's story began in January 1988, when the Mossel Bay Community Church founded the Mossel Bay Community Church School with just 19 learners and 3 teachers. By May 1989, the school was registered with the Cape Education Department and offered classes from Sub A (Grade 1) to Standard 5 (Grade 7). At that time, learners followed the Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E.) programme — a faith-based curriculum that encouraged learners to progress at their own pace. Mr. Henry Cloete served as the founding head until December 1990, after which Mr. Jeremy Walton became the head teacher.

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(1988–1990)

(1991–2002)

Growth and Expansion

In 1991, the school added a Grade R class, and by 1994 it had grown to include Standard 10 (Grade 12), serving 54 learners. This period saw steady growth in both size and reputation. In 2003, reflecting its broader educational vision, the school adopted a new name — Global Academy of Education. That same year, Mrs. Shirley du Plessis became head teacher and introduced a blended learning programme that combined the A.C.E. curriculum with Curriculum 2005, South Africa's outcomes-based education framework.

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Renewed Focus & Curriculum Transition

Mrs. Gwen Rodie took over as head teacher in October 2007. By 2008, Global Academy refocused on its foundation phase, offering Pre-Primary to Grade 7. In 2012, the school introduced the National Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS) in Grades 1–3, expanding it to Grades 4–7 in 2013. This shift aligned the school with the national education standards while maintaining its Christian ethos.

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(2007–2014)

(2015–2020)

Leadership and Accreditation

Between 2015 and 2018, Mrs. Genevieve Pienaar led the school, followed by Mrs. Charlene Schaefer from 2018 to the present. In 2014, Global Academy began its accreditation process with UMALUSI, the Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training. After a rigorous evaluation, the school received provisional accreditation in April 2018, and full accreditation in April 2020 — a milestone that affirmed its commitment to quality education and continuous improvement.

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Today

Now simply known as Global Academy, the school stands as a faith-rooted, independent learning community serving learners from Pre-Primary to Grade 12. For over 37 years, it has remained true to its founding vision — to provide a nurturing, values-based education where each child is known, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential.

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