



Dear Parents

Thank you for your interest in our “**Home School Facilitation Program**”. This document includes everything that you will need to know about how we operate and what you can expect going forward. Please note that The Turning Point is not a school, we merely facilitate the process of learning and it is up to the parents to check their child’s progress.

The Turning Point has identified a need for quality education at an affordable price. As a result, we have partnered with Brainline in order to offer an IEB accredited curriculum. We are an accredited Brainline Learning World Tutor Centre, where we facilitate the learning (on a home-school basis) in a relaxed and friendly environment assisting each student to reach their full potential. At The Turning Point Tutor Centre we blend home schooling with a classroom environment for a better individual learning experience. Parental interaction and participation is an integral part of this type of system.

We tutor all subjects from grades 1-9 and examinations are written via Brainline at our Tutor Centre. Students who successfully complete their Grade 12 via Brainline will be awarded the National Senior Certificate issued by Umalusi. Students are assured that hard work throughout the year will count positively towards their final results.

The Turning Point Home School Facilitation Program offers small classes that allow for individual attention, where each student is mentored. We teach examination techniques and study methods to our students. We personally interview all our tutors. They are handpicked, suitably qualified and highly motivated.

The Turning Point offers a Tutor Centre where supervised learning takes place from Monday to Friday. We have all the printing, scanning and wifi facilities necessary for successful learning to take place. Any access to the internet is strictly supervised.

#### **VENUE AND TIMES:**

The program is run from our premises Olivedale. The Tutor Centre is open from 08h00 – 13h00 Monday – Friday. Extra tutoring in all school subjects can be arranged by special request, including Remedial Therapy and Reading Therapy. Please note that this will be at an additional cost.

“It must be remembered that the purpose of education  
is not to fill the minds of students with facts...  
it is to teach them to think, if that is possible,  
and always to think for themselves.”

**-Robert Hutchins**



## **CURRICULUM:**

We use the Brainline curriculum. Brainline is a complete school curriculum on CD, a unique schooling system with the personal computer as its delivery vehicle. Brainline is accredited by the Independent Examinations Board (IEB). The curriculum is an online correspondence course.

Parents need to register their children directly with Brainline who will then supply a full year's content in most of the subjects and learning areas at school level in English. Brainline complies with all the curriculum requirements of the Department of Education. An excellent team of subject advisors is part of the learning community. They are equipped to provide our learners with support on subject matters via the internet.

Primary School students will need to purchase the books, available from Brainline. Printing of the work from the CD can be arranged, but this will be at an extra cost to the parents.

Brainline set termly tasks and examinations, which are all uploaded and marked by Brainline. Brainline issue reports directly to the parents after mid-year and end-year examinations. The Turning Point does not provide reports. The Turning Point will provide a qualified and registered Invigilator for tests and examinations as required by Brainline.

Parents need to check their child's progress so as to ensure that their projects have been completed and uploaded and to monitor their examination results published on their student profile by Brainline.

All students need to be registered with Brainline before they will be admitted to The Turning Point. For more information on the Brainline curriculum and the subjects offered, please visit [www.brainline.com](http://www.brainline.com).

## **PARENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES:**

As in all Home Schooling environments, parents remain responsible for certain activities. Some of these are listed below. Please note that this list may not be exhaustive.

- Join a library to allow the child access to reading and research material required for the completion of the syllabus.
- To read all correspondence received from Brainline and ensure that the appropriate action is taken.
- To ensure that their child is taken to any remedial classes required as suggested by Brainline or the The Turning Point Tutor Centre. This will be at the parents own cost.
- Provide stationery and any extra study requirements, text books or tuition for their child.



### **EXTRA MURAL ACTIVITIES:**

The Turning Point Tutor Centre recognizes the need for a healthy balance of educational support as well as mentally and physically fun activities. We therefore highly encourage students to take part in whatever extra mural activities they wish to experience. We are also linked to The King's College and Preparatory School in Bryanston, so that our learners may participate in their extra-mural curriculum. All extra-mural activities are for the parent's own account and are payable directly to the contractor. More details are available on request.

### **DRESS CODE:**

While we do not have a set uniform, we do expect the students to be dressed appropriately for school. We expect students to be dressed moderately and comfortably, in order to optimize learning.

We look forward to welcoming your family and helping your child/ children to achieve their full potential.

Kind regards

Ben and Tanya McCarthy

“The kids in our classroom are infinitely more significant  
than the subject matter we teach.”

**-Meladee McCarty**



## TUITION FEES 2017

Grade	Annual Tuition Fee 2016	Monthly Installment (January – November)
Grade 1 – 3	R46 200 – 00	R4 200 – 00
Grade 4 – 6	R49 500 – 00	R4 500 – 00
Grade 7 – 9	R54 200 – 00	R4 927-00

## CURRICULUM FEES (PAYABLE DIRECTLY TO BRAINLINE) 2016

(Brainline have not yet released their 2017 prices)

Grade	Curriculum Fee	Formal Assessment	TOTAL
Grade 1 – 3	R4 610 – 00	R790 – 00 June R790 – 00 November	R6 190 – 00
Grade 4 – 7	R6 970 – 00	R1 240 – 00 June R1 240 – 00 November	R9 450 – 00
Grade 8 – 9	R14 605 – 00	(Included)	R14 605 – 00

**\*\* Kindly note:** Children enrolling after January are charged a pro rata fee that may differ from the amount stated above.

## NON-REFUNDABLE ENROLMENT FEES FOR NEW PUPILS

A non-refundable enrolment fee is payable as follows, and is payable to The Turning Point upon acceptance.

- First Child (Grade 1 – 9) R1000 – 00
- Second Child (Grade 1 – 9) R800 – 00
- Third Child (Grade 1 – 9) R500 – 00



## YEAR CALENDAR 2017

Term One	Begin: 18 January 2017 End: 31 March 2017	Public Holidays: 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
Term Two	Begin: 19 April 2017 End: 30 June 2017	Public Holidays: 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2017 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
Term Three	Begin: 25 July 2017 End: 29 September 2017	Public Holidays: 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
Term Four	Begin: 17 October 2016 End: 7 December 2016	None

**\*Please note that these dates are subject to change.\***

“Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream, which, fulfilled can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.”

- **John F. Kennedy**