



Celebrating 20 years of excellence in education

CURRO



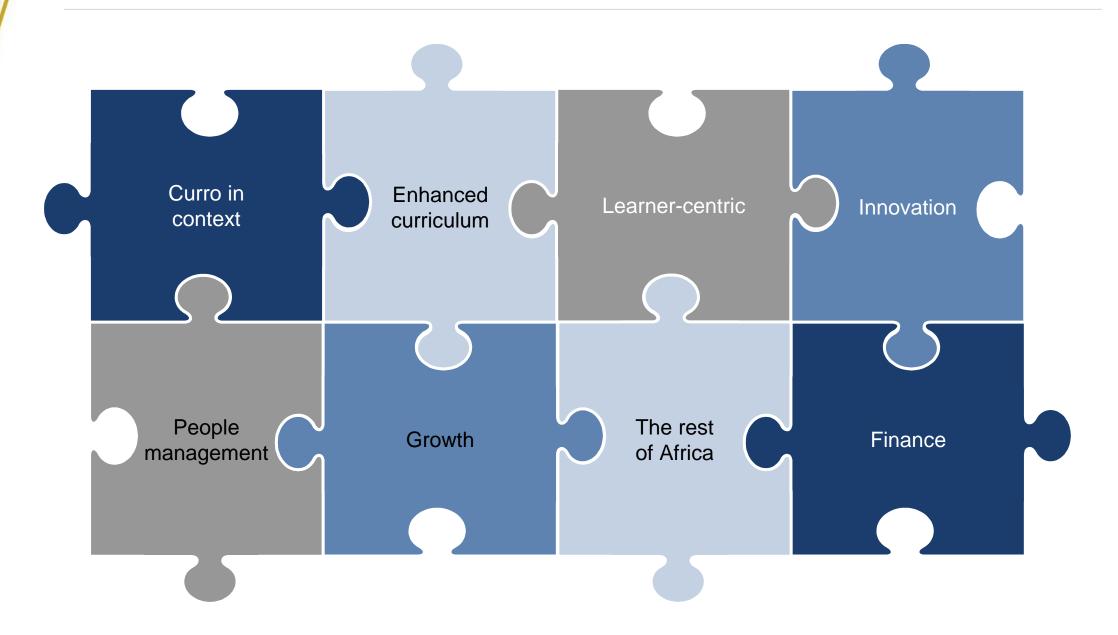














### **CURRO IN CONTEXT**





#### **ABOUT CURRO**

Curro is an educational company that focusses on school education

> Curro believes that the purpose of education is ...

> > to empower all learners and staff to achieve their potential as individuals and members of society.





#### WHAT DOES CURRO DO?

Provides independent school education to learners from 3 months to Grade 12.

#### Educational model based on:

- Christian values (ethics and morals)
- Child-friendliness
- Creative thinking
- Positive discipline





## WHY DO WE DO THIS?

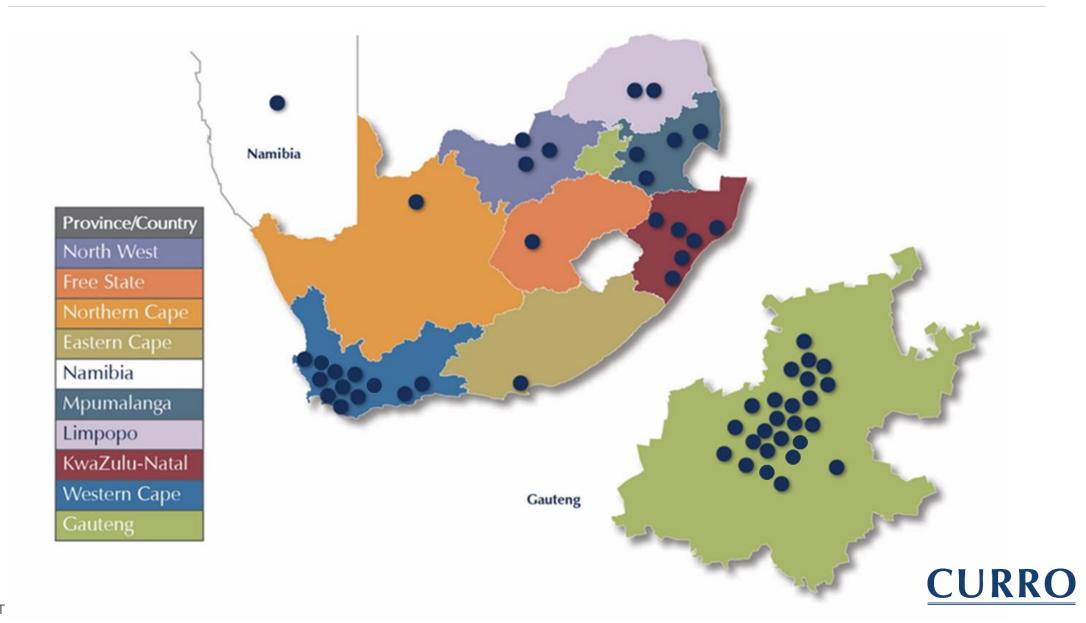


Curro's vision is to make independent school education accessible to more learners throughout Southern Africa.



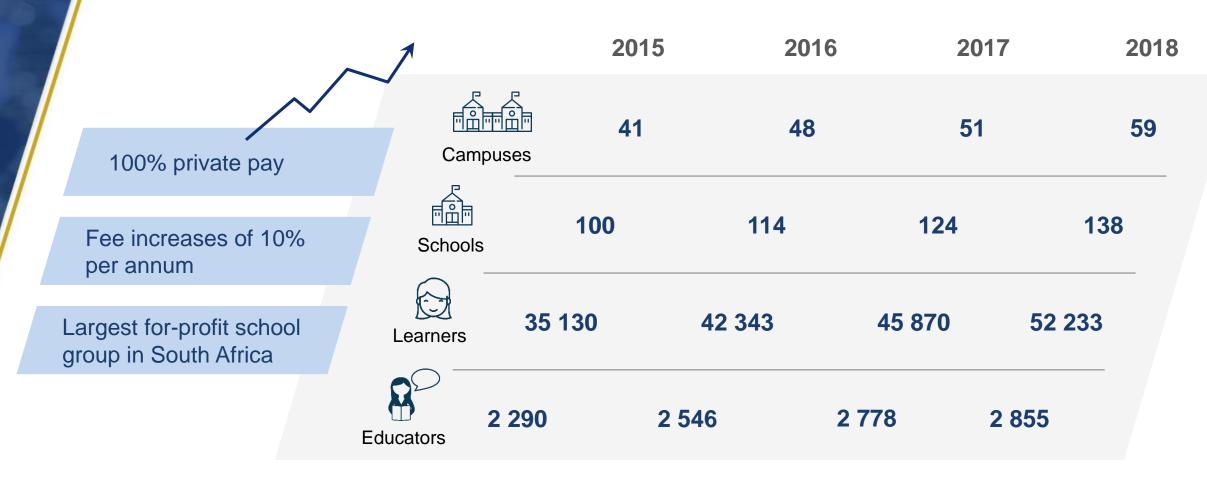


# **CURRO FOOTPRINT**





#### SNAPSHOT



Numbers above exclude Stadio/Embury figures





#### **MODELS**

#### CURRO Castle

6 campuses

1 160 learners

R3 700 avg. monthly fees

**Balanced** curriculum

25 maximum class size

**0 – 5** ages (yrs)

# CURRO School Select School

**36** campuses

**34 401** learners

R4 250 avg. monthly fees

**Balanced** curriculum

25 maximum class size

**3 – 18** ages (yrs)



MERIDIAN School

17 campuses

**16 672** learners

**R1 700 – R2 700** avg. monthly fees

Academic curriculum

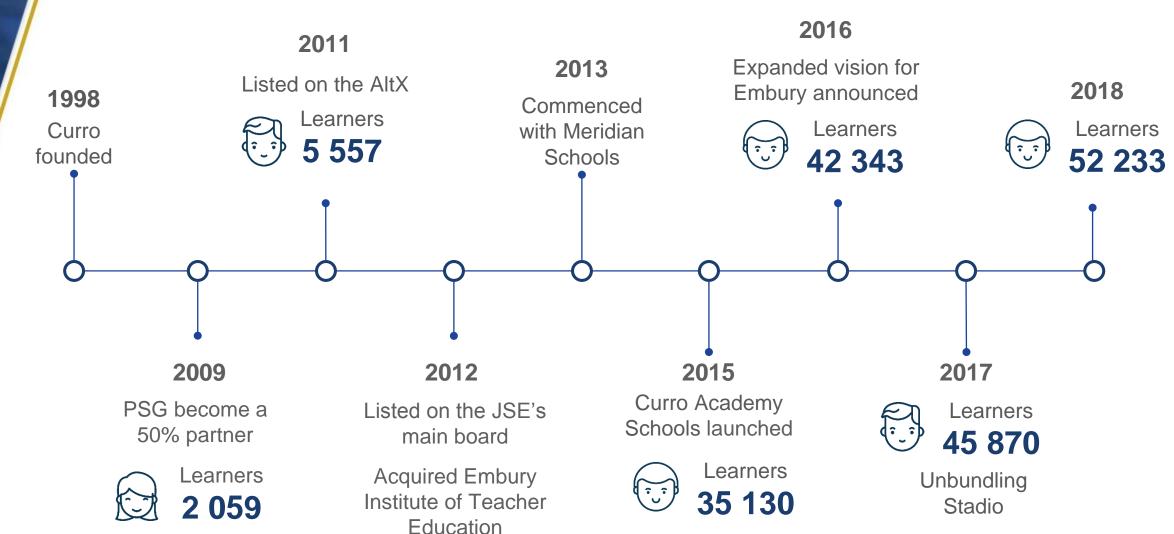
35 maximum class size

**5 – 18** ages (yrs)





#### **OUR JOURNEY**





#### **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGES**

- Quality executive team
  - Knowledge base
- Significant quality investment opportunities remain
- Development team
  - Finding new opportunities
  - Rezoning (where required)
  - Site development plans and design
- Cost reduction due to scale efficiencies
- Closely aligned with contractors reducing building time and cost
- **Demand** for product
- Value-for-money offering



- Brand/reputation
- More schools performing on or ahead of target
- Significant spend on curriculum development
- Capital base (strong balance sheet)
- Highly cash generative
- Has a significant supportive shareholder in PSG

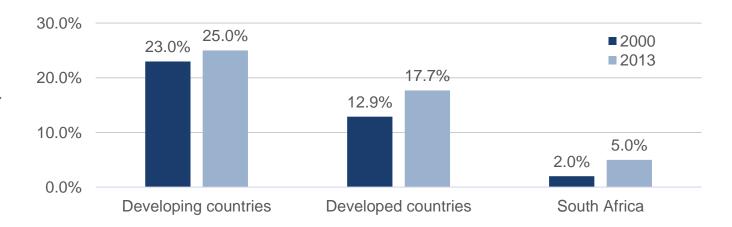




#### THE GLOBAL MARKET

**PRIMARY** education

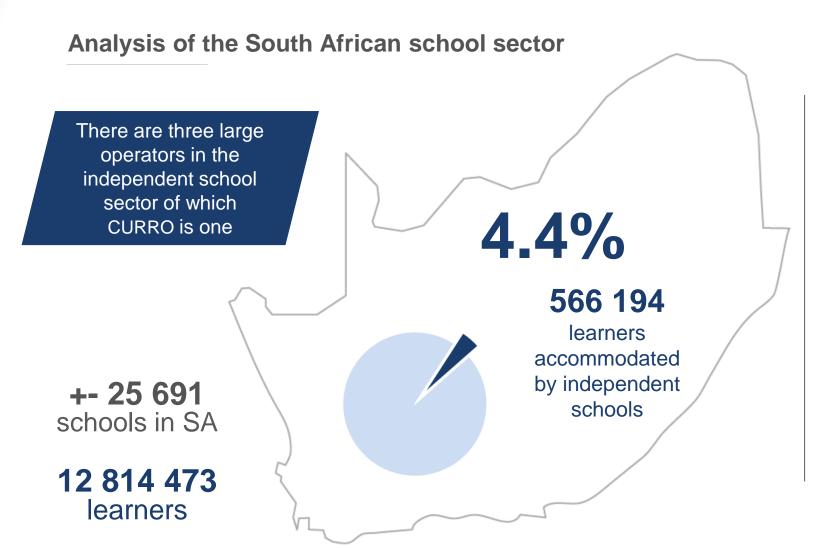
Percentage of enrolment in independent institutions **SECONDARY** education







#### A LOCAL VIEW



The **global trend** indicates that independent schools are moving towards making up **20%** of the total number of schools.

If South Africa follows this trend there is **huge potential** for many more independent schools to be developed.





#### **ENHANCED CURRICULUM**





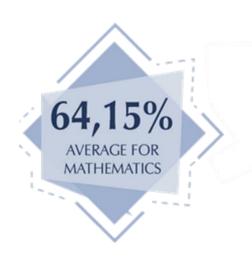
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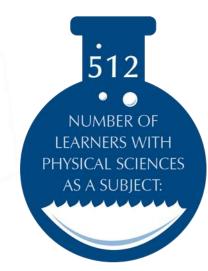




PERCENTAGE OF LEARNERS WITH C AVERAGE AND BETTER 70,37%





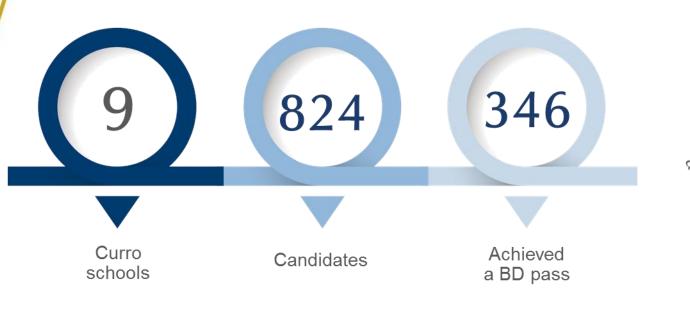






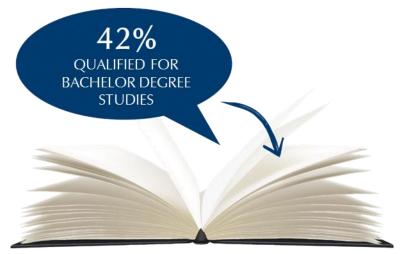


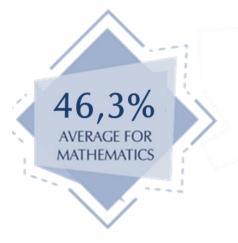
### MATRIC RESULTS 2017 – NSC HIGHLIGHTS





PERCENTAGE OF LEARNERS WITH C AVERAGE AND BETTER 29,9%













#### **CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS**

# Educators focus on: $\{ \}$

- Global competency (21st century relevant education)
  - 3 R's reading, writing and arithmetic
  - 6 C's communication, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, citizenship, character
  - 2 M's motivation, metacognition
- BLP 4 R's resilience, reciprocity, resourcefulness, reflection
- Learners make use of their own device
- Flipped classroom
- Environment conducive to learning
- Learner-centric classroom





#### **CURRICULUM**

#### **Continuous improvement through:**



#### **Project based learning**

Project Based Learning is a teaching method in which learners gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge









#### LEARNER-CENTRIC





#### RUTA SECHABA







137

beneficiaries including the Titans cricket programme.

- A total of 133 learners, on academic and sports scholarships excluding Titans, wrote and passed the final December examinations.
- All beneficiaries wrote the 2017 matric examinations and passed.
- 5 out of 8 top performing learners at Northern Academy achieved at least three distinctions in the Grade 12 examinations were beneficiaries of the foundation and achieved 24 distinctions among them.

2018



276



2018 = Total funding R7m

2019 = Commit **R12m - R15m** 

Ruta Sechaba and Titans





#### LEARNER FOCUSSED



#### **Personalised learning**

Personalised learning is when the learning experience is tailored to the individual student based on their specific learning needs, strengths and weaknesses.





#### Deep learning

- Mastering core academic content
- Thinking critically
- Solving complex problems
- Working collaboratively
- Communicate effectively
- Learning how to learn and developing academic mindsets





### CSI

**Secret scarves for Nelson Mandela Day** 

**Interact care boxes** 

Donating food to an animal shelter







Going gold for childhood cancer



Help a sister in need





#### **INNOVATION**





## SCHOOL INNOVATION











#### PEOPLE MANAGEMENT





#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT

#### **Regular training workshops** for various functions on:

- Front-of-house
- Customer service
- Brand management
- Communication skills

#### Management training:

- Executive heads
- Middle management development





#### STAFF DEVELOPMENT



#### New fresh ideas to their classrooms

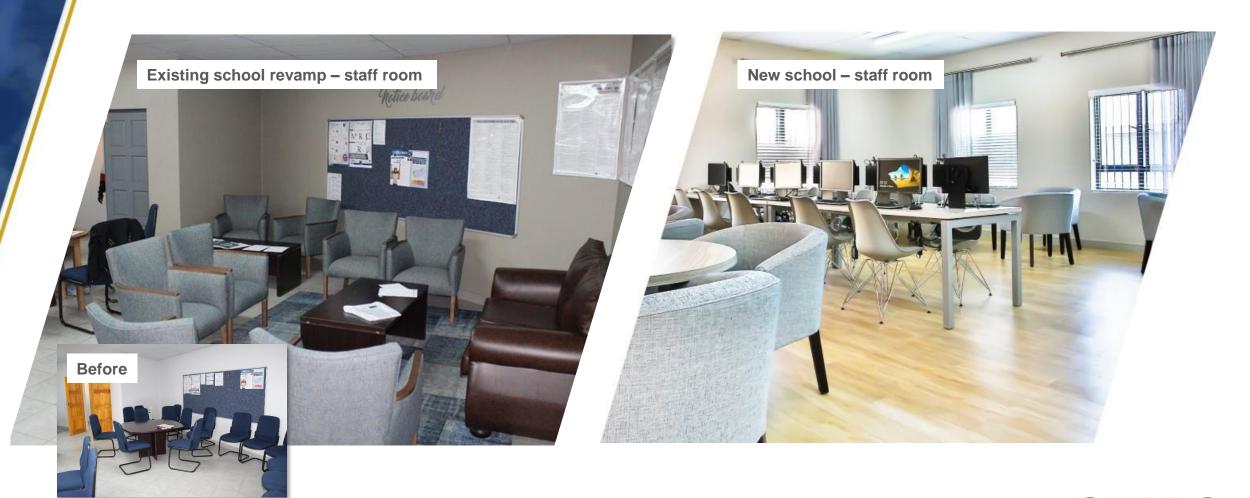
- New Curro educators
- One full day training per term (primary school)
- Communities of practice for primary schools
- PLCs for high school (professional learning communities)
- IT training camps
- Subject camps
- Training when needed
- Keeping educators up to date with new technology
- Collaborating with other educators



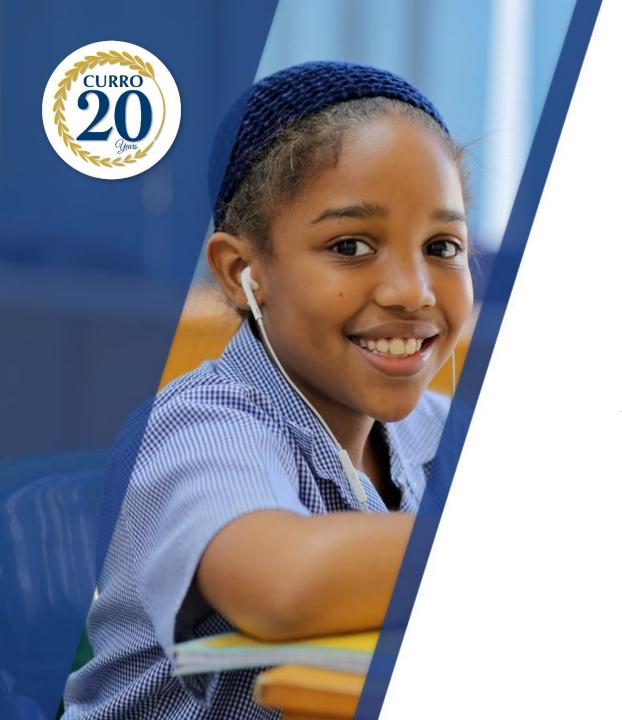


## **WORKING CONDITIONS**

Focus on public facing areas, offices and staff rooms







GROWTH AND REST OF AFRICA





## **NEW SCHOOLS OPENED IN 2018**

CURRO CASTLE UITZICHT

CURRO CASTLE OAKDENE

CURRO ACADEMY
SANDOWN AND CURRO
CASTLE SANDOWN







# **NEW SCHOOLS OPENED IN 2018**

# CURRO ACADEMY MAMELODI



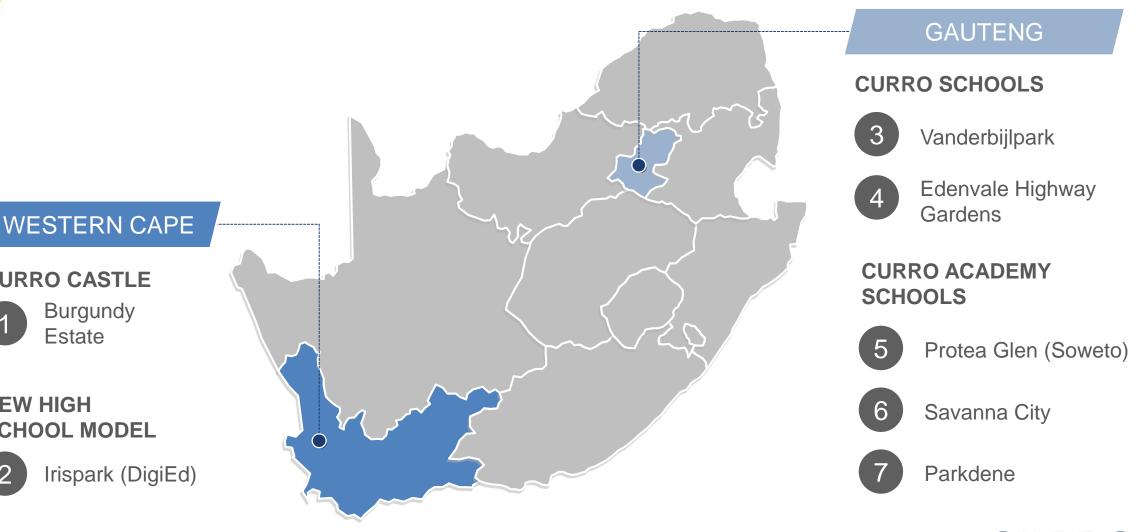








# BUILDING PROJECTS – NEW SCHOOLS





**NEW HIGH** 

**CURRO CASTLE** 

**SCHOOL MODEL** 

Burgundy Estate



## **ACQUISITIONS**

# BOTSWANA Baobab Primary FREE STATE An independent school group with more than 2 000 learners – Academy market



#### ROBUST AND ACTIVE PIPELINE

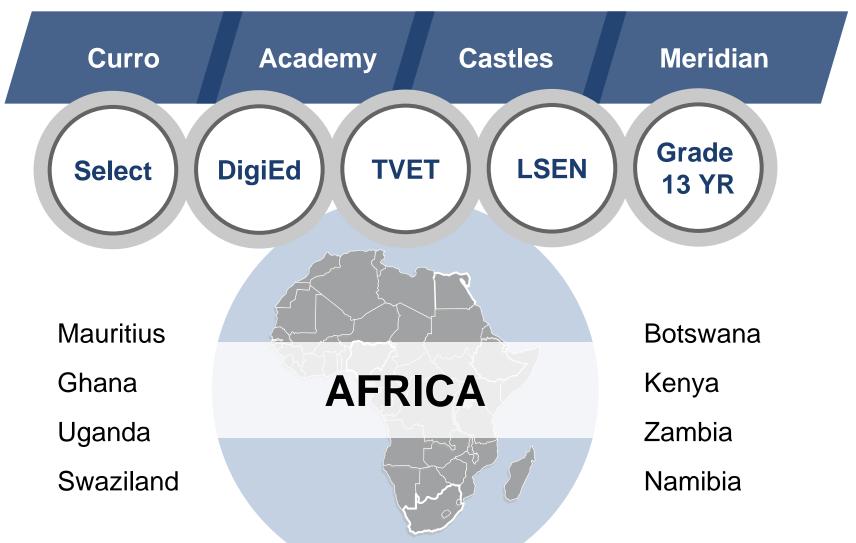


Excludes tertiary campuses unbundled in Stadio





### **CONTINUOUS GROWTH**







## **FINANCE**



# SUPERIOR financial elements in the business model

- High growth
- Strong visibility
- High margins and operating leverage
- Significant free cash flow
- Relative resilience
- Outstanding returns on investment





## **KEY INDICATORS**

|                                    |                | 2012    | 2013    | 2014    | 2015    | 2016    | YOY    | 2017    | 5-year |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|
|                                    |                |         |         |         |         |         | Growth |         | CAGR   |
| Campuses                           | #              | 22      | 26      | 32      | 41      | 48      | 6%     | 51      | 18%    |
| Schools                            | #              | 61      | 72      | 80      | 100     | 114     | 9%     | 124     | 15%    |
| Learners                           | #              | 12,473  | 21,027  | 28,737  | 35,130  | 42,343  | 8%     | 45,870  | 30%    |
| % of eventual capacity             | %              | 31%     | 44%     | 51%     | 50%     | 52%     | 2%     | 53%     | 11%    |
| Revenue                            | Rm             | 366     | 659     | 1,001   | 1,384   | 1,715   | 22%    | 2,099   | 42%    |
| Schools EBITDA                     | Rm             | 79      | 155     | 262     | 382     | 487     | 22%    | 594     | 50%    |
| EBITDA                             | Rm             | 53      | 114     | 191     | 292     | 377     | 25%    | 473     | 55%    |
| EBITDA Margin                      | %              | 14.50%  | 17.30%  | 19.10%  | 21.10%  | 21.98%  | 3%     | 22.53%  | 9%     |
| Net interest expense               | Rm             | 15      | 22      | 55      | 91      | 70      | 11%    | 78      | 39%    |
| Headline earnings - continuing ops | Rm             | 15      | 37      | 56      | 100     | 169     | 19%    | 201     | 68%    |
| HEPS - continuing ops              | Cents          | 7.0     | 12.8    | 17.2    | 28.3    | 41.8    | 17%    | 49      | 48%    |
| Learner/educator ratio             | #              | 11      | 13      | 15      | 15      | 17      | -      | 17      | 9%     |
| Capital investment                 | Rm             | 782     | 1,076   | 1,305   | 1,030   | 1,486   | (24%)  | 1,136   | 8%     |
| Total building size                | m <sup>2</sup> | 169,024 | 261,004 | 392,314 | 449,067 | 558,683 | 7%     | 598,194 | 29%    |





## J-CURVE - SCHOOL EVOLUTION

|                                  | Number at<br>31 Dec 2017 |         | Learne | Learner numbers (Dec) |        | Growth       |              | Schools EBITDA<br>(R million) |      | Growth |             | EBITDA margin |       | Eventual capacity |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------|-----------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|------|--------|-------------|---------------|-------|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
|                                  | Campuses                 | Schools | 2015   | 2016                  | 2017   | <i>15/16</i> | <i>16/17</i> | 2015                          | 2016 | 2017   | 15/16       | <i>16/17</i>  | 2015  | 2016              | 2017 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| Developed schools                | 36                       | 89      | 20 694 | 24 699                | 28 315 | 19%          | 15%          | 174                           | 258  | 342    | 48%         | 33%           | 23%   | 27%               | 27%  | 40%  | 42%  | 45%  |
| 2009 and before*                 | 3                        | 8       | 3 332  | 3 470                 | 3 443  | 4%           | (1%)         | 37                            | 44   | 55     | 20%         | 25%           | 28%   | 29%               | 26%  | 84%  | 88%  | 87%  |
| 2010                             | 2                        | 6       | 2 120  | 2 232                 | 2 254  | 5%           | 1%           | 24                            | 31   | 37     | 29%         | 19%           | 29%   | 33%               | 35%  | 66%  | 69%  | 70%  |
| 2011                             | 6                        | 16      | 4 337  | 4 567                 | 4 552  | 5%           | 0%           | 40                            | 52   | 53     | 30%         | 2%            | 23%   | 26%               | 28%  | 45%  | 47%  | 47%  |
| 2012                             | 2                        | 6       | 1 618  | 1 788                 | 1 904  | 11%          | 6%           | 15                            | 19   | 25     | 27%         | 32%           | 23%   | 25%               | 28%  | 48%  | 53%  | 57%  |
| 2013                             | 4                        | 12      | 4 922  | 5 757                 | 6 149  | 17%          | 7%           | 67                            | 93   | 104    | 37%         | 12%           | 38%   | 41%               | 39%  | 50%  | 59%  | 63%  |
| 2014                             | 4                        | 8       | 1 271  | 1 531                 | 1 833  | 20%          | 20%          | 1                             | 3    | 6      | 200%        | 100%          | 2%    | 2%                | 9%   | 19%  | 22%  | 27%  |
| 2015                             | 8                        | 19      | 3 094  | 4 767                 | 5 748  | 54%          | 21%          | (10)                          | 17   | 38     | Na          | 124%          | (13%) | 13%               | 21%  | 20%  | 31%  | 37%  |
| 2016                             | 4                        | 7       | _      | 587                   | 1 179  | 0%           | 101%         | _                             | (1)  | 15     | _           | Na            | _     | (2%)              | 22%  | _    | 10%  | 20%  |
| 2017                             | 3                        | 7       | _      | _                     | 1 253  | 0%           | 0%           | _                             | -    | 9      | _           | _             | _     | -                 | 18%  | _    | -    | 23%  |
| Acquired schools                 | 15                       | 35      | 14 436 | 17 644                | 17 555 | 22%          | (1%)         | 203                           | 233  | 268    | 14%         | 16%           | 33%   | 30%               | 30%  | 75%  | 73%  | 73%  |
| 2012 and before                  | 8                        | 17      | 6 851  | 6 884                 | 6 919  | _            | 1%           | 121                           | 130  | 142    | 7%          | 9%            | 38%   | 36%               | 37%  | 72%  | 72%  | 72%  |
| 2013                             | 1                        | 2       | 4 939  | 4 701                 | 4 233  | (5%)         | (11%)        | 44                            | 42   | 35     | (5%)        | (17%)         | 30%   | 26%               | 25%  | 82%  | 78%  | 70%  |
| 2014                             | 2                        | 5       | 2 046  | 2 441                 | 2 618  | 19%          | 7%           | 34                            | 43   | 56     | 26%         | 30%           | 28%   | 29%               | 33%  | 84%  | 85%  | 92%  |
| 2015 and 2016                    | 4                        | 11      | 600    | 3 618                 | 3 785  | 503%         | 5%           | 4                             | 18   | 35     | 350%        | 94%           | 17%   | 19%               | 20%  | 81%  | 69%  | 72%  |
| Property rental<br>and royalties |                          |         |        |                       |        |              |              | (3)                           | (4)  | (16)   |             |               |       |                   |      |      |      |      |
| Total                            | 51                       | 124     | 35 130 | 42 343                | 45 870 | 21%          | 8%           | 374                           | 487  | 594    | <b>30</b> % | 22%           | 28%   | 28%               | 28%  | 50%  | 52%  | 53%  |





#### BAD DEBTS

|  | Dec-15  | Dec-16  | Nov-17  | Dec-17  | Jan-18 | Dec YOY increase % |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------------------|
|  |         |         |         |         |        |                    |
| Total debtors                          | 20.3    | 29.7    | 75.0    | 56.1    | 25.2   | 89%                |
| 60+ days                               | 2.5     | 8.4     | 28.1    | 14.3    | 7.6    | 70%                |
| 60+ as % of debtors                    | 12.5%   | 28.2%   | 37.4%   | 25.4%   | 30.2%  |                    |
|  |         |         |         |         |        |                    |
| Total write off for the 12 months (IS) | 16.1    | 23.6    | 23.3    | 54.2    |        | 130%               |
| Provision to November                  | 0.0     | 0.0     | 28.1    | 0.0     |        |                    |
| Bad debts recovered                    | (2.6)   | (5.5)   | (15.3)  | (23.0)  |        | 315%               |
| Nett write off                         | 13.6    | 18.0    | 36.1    | 31.2    |        | 73%                |
|  |         |         |         |         |        |                    |
| Turnover                               | 1 354.4 | 1 761.0 | 1 918.9 | 2 072.2 |        |                    |
| Gross bad debts as % of turnover       | 1.2%    | 1.3%    | 2.7%    | 2.6%    |        |                    |
| Nett bad debts as % of turnover        | 1.0%    | 1.0%    | 1.88%   | 1.51%   |        |                    |
| Debtors as % of turnover               | 1.5%    | 1.7%    | 3.9%    | 2.7%    |        |                    |



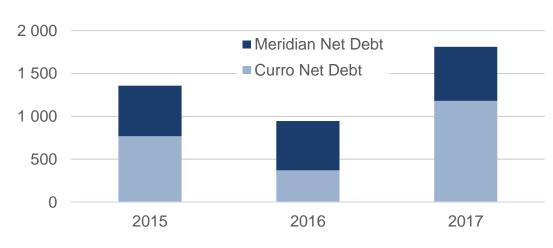
- Increase in debtors and bad debts
- Significant recoveries throughout the year
- Key focus: Improve system and approach this year
- · Possible increase in bad debts



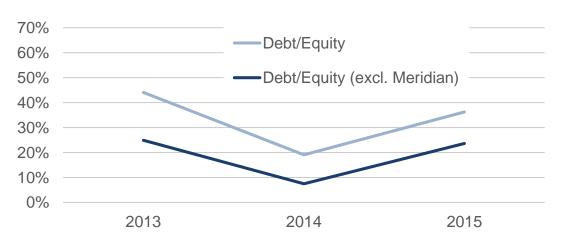


#### DEBT AND GEARING

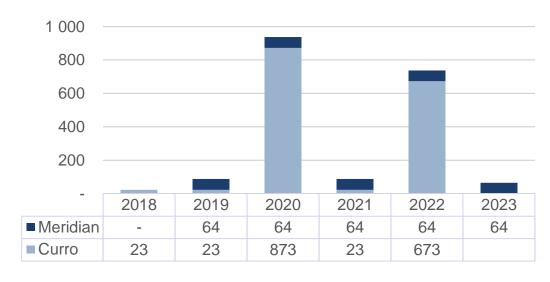
#### Debt (R'm)



#### **Gearing (Debt/Equity)**



#### Debt maturity profile (R'm)



- Distinguish Curro from Meridian
- Curro has low gearing
- Refinanced more expensive funding (borrowing costs 80 bps lower)
- Funding capacity of R2bn+
- ISCR at >4x (covenant is 1.75x)





#### IN CLOSING

We will continue to **improve efficiencies**throughout the group whilst remaining **ahead of the curve** in terms of teaching
methodologies and continue our **aggressive expansion** focused on the
Southern African educational environment.





