



# Amano Christian School

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## INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

### **General**

Amano Christian School was established in 2004 on Sunnybrook Farm, 10 kilometres from Chingola on the Kitwe Road. This beautiful farm is owned by the Sunnybrook Christian Trust, and the school administration and board of governors are accountable to this Trust. The vision of the Trust is to establish a Christian primary and secondary school for both day scholars and boarders in Zambia's most densely populated province.

The Sunnybrook Christian Trust aims to provide buildings and facilities of the highest possible standard. It seeks to appoint teachers who will embrace its vision, and who will carry out the aims of the school wholeheartedly for the benefit of the students.

### **The Mission**

Our mission is to impart the wisdom of God our Creator as revealed in His Word the Bible, in order to mould the world-view of our students and prepare them to face the challenges of their lives with faith and assurance, both in Africa and worldwide.

### **The Aims**

- To teach the Bible as the infallible and authoritative Word of God, thus developing in our students a Biblical understanding of God's purpose for our lives with regard to attitudes, behaviour, and morality.
- To encourage life-changing and committed Christian discipleship amongst our students, by following and applying the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- To develop character and leadership in our students by teaching them to be responsible, honest and compassionate members of their communities.
- To provide the highest possible standards of education, so that our students are able to develop their God-given gifts to their fullest potential.
- To design, maintain and follow a contemporary curriculum which will reflect both the Christian vision of the school and the international profile of the students.

### **School Motto**

'For the Lord gives wisdom, and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.' Proverbs 2:6

### **Curriculum and Classes**

In the Primary Department (Grades 1-7) the English and Maths lessons follow the British curriculum. Zambian text books are used for Science, History and Geography and are supplemented with other topics and resources.

P.E. and swimming lessons are organised to take best advantage of Zambia's climate. Music, Art, Design and Technology and Computer Studies are taught in addition to the core subjects. The Scripture syllabus is written by ACS staff. German is available throughout for German speaking students.

French is introduced at secondary level. Secondary studies will lead to the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) accredited by Cambridge Examination Board, England, so all subjects studied at secondary level (Grades 8-12) will follow that curriculum. Advanced level studies (AS and A2 level) are offered to students from Amano Secondary School. These are mostly studied through the internet school, North StarUK, and enable students to enter the tertiary institution of their choice.

Classes may be taught as double grades but will not normally exceed 20 students.

### **Entry Age**

Children must have reached the age of 5 years before the 1<sup>st</sup> January of the year in which they enter.

### **The Application Process**

- The parents/guardians will complete the application form and send it to Amano Christian School, together with copies of the student's birth certificate or proof of date of birth, and the latest school report if he or she attends school.
- The Admissions Committee will select those to be interviewed.
- The student and his or her parents/guardians will attend interviews, during which the student will complete entrance tests and the parents will meet with appropriate staff members and members of the Admissions committee or Board of Governors. There will be a charge of K100,000 for these interviews. Attendance at the interview does not guarantee a place.
- The Admissions Committee will make recommendations to the Board of Governors/Trustees, who will offer places at its discretion, in writing.

- The parents/guardians will complete and sign other forms covering indemnity and giving medical information, send an enrolment fee of K1.2million, which will be returned when the child leaves if a term's notice has been given.
- On receipt of these forms and the enrolment fee an official letter of acceptance will be sent by the School.

### **Allocation of Places**

The children of those working in full time Christian ministry will be given priority, provided their church or mission is recognised by the Board of Trustees. Places are also offered to disadvantaged students, if fee sponsorship is available. Remaining places are available for other students and will be offered at the discretion of the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees. The Trustees' decision on each application is final and not subject to any further discussion.

### **Fees**

Parents and guardians will need to satisfy the school that they are able to afford the school fees (including reasonable increases) possibly by the production of a statement of income. Fees at Amano Christian School do not cover the full cost of developing and running the school. The shortfall is covered by the generous financial support of interested churches and individuals worldwide.

10% of all fees is allocated to assist in the payment of fees for underprivileged students. Fee sponsorship is also offered from abroad for such students, especially those who are orphans. If a student is likely to need financial assistance this must be indicated at the time of interview.

Payment must be made on or before the first day of the school term, otherwise the student concerned will not be admitted to school. Any alternative to this payment schedule must be discussed with the bursar.

Payment is accepted in Kwacha or US dollars. Exchange rates used will be the bank buying rate on the day of payment.

Cheques must be payable to 'Amano Christian School' and must be drawn on an account held in Zambia, either in Kwacha or in US dollars. Otherwise a 15% surcharge is payable.

### **Fee Schedule for 2011** (subject to change)

The enrolment deposit of K1.2 million must be paid before the beginning of the first term so that the school administration can confirm the place.

Primary Day Pupils: K5,200,000 per term  
 Primary Weekly Boarders: K6,600,000 per term  
 Primary Termly Boarders: K7,700,000 per term

Secondary Day Pupils: K5,900,000 per term  
 Secondary Weekly Boarders: K7,500,000 per term  
 Secondary Termly Boarders: K8,800,000 per term

*(These figures do not include uniform and other incidental charges.)*

Students whose parents are Zambian Full-time Christian workers may receive a significant discount from the full fees. They should make it clear in their application that they seek this help.

Students whose parents are Missionary workers from other countries can seek assistance from the School's sponsorship committee.

### **Medical**

Before acceptance the medical staff will need to receive:

- A medical and immunization history
- A chest x-ray

### **Boarding**

Students are accepted on the understanding that they will be capable of living in a boarding situation. Older students are required to help clean their rooms and dormitories. All students will be expected to help keep the grounds neat and tidy. All secondary students are normally expected to board.

### **Suitability**

If, after the student has been in the school, it becomes evident that Amano Christian School cannot meet the needs of the student, or that the student is unable to adjust to the boarding life and expectations of the school, the School Administration reserves the right to terminate the student's attendance.

### **Discipline**

Students are expected to abide by all school rules and policies. Behaviour which is considerate of the well-being of others is encouraged at all times at Amano Christian School. Students are subject to such discipline as may be thought necessary to build good character, and engender a sense of responsibility. The school sees disciplinary measures as necessary to maintain good order and foster an environment which is conducive to learning.

The use or possession of tobacco, hallucinating drugs, alcoholic beverages and other addictive substances is forbidden, and recorded music or printed material of any sort which contains offensive or pornographic material is not permitted.

The Board of Trustees will suspend students who are guilty of sexual misconduct, or of other serious misbehaviour. The Board will expel any student who is habitually uncooperative or persistently defiant.

If suspension or expulsion is necessary the Board reserves the right to issue a statement in order to avoid misinformation or misunderstanding. Care will be taken in such cases to preserve the dignity and respect of those concerned.

### **Diet**

It is impossible for the school to offer special diets. Students are expected to eat the food which is prepared including meat and vegetables. If students have specific allergies a letter of explanation should be written by the parent or guardian and sent to the School Nurse.