



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, ARTS & CULTURE

I, Katrina Hanse-Himarwa, Minister of Education, Arts and Culture acting in terms of section 37 (1) of the Education Act, 2001 (Act No. 16 of 2001) hereby distribute a **2017 School Calendar** for public schools as detailed in the accompanying schedule below for your implementation.

2017 CALENDAR FOR GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

TERM	SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR LEARNERS	SCHOOL DAYS	SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR TEACHERS
First Term First school day Midterm Break – School Holiday	Wednesday, 11 January Monday, 20 – Friday, 24 March	69	Monday, 09 January Monday 20 – 24 Friday March
Public Holiday- Good Friday Public Holiday- Easter Monday Last school day	Friday, 14 April Monday, 17 April Wednesday, 26 April		Friday, 14 April Monday, 17 April Friday, 28 April
Second Term First school day Day of the African Child Last school day	Tuesday, 30 May Friday, 16 June Wednesday, 23 August		62
Third Term First school day International Teacher's Day –School Holiday Last school day	Tuesday, 05 September Thursday, 05 October Tuesday, 05 December	65	Monday, 04 September Thursday, 05 October Friday, 08 December
Total school days for 2017		196	
First Term 2018, First school day (Provisional)	Wednesday, 10 January 2018		Monday, 08 January 2018

HOSTEL CALENDAR

TERM	HOSTEL CALENDAR FOR LEARNERS	HOSTEL DAYS	HOSTEL STAFF	TEACHERS
First term Hostels open Home weekend Home weekend Hostel close for mid-term break Hostel open Hostels close	Tuesday, 10 January Friday, 3 February Friday, 3 March Friday, 17 March Sunday 26 March Wednesday, 26 April	93	Friday, 6 January Friday, 17 March Saturday, 25 March Friday, 28 April	Friday, 6 January Friday, 17 March Saturday, 25 March Friday, 28 April
Second term Hostels open Home weekend Home weekend Hostels close	Monday, 29 May Friday, 30 June Friday, 4 August Wednesday, 23 August	81	Friday, 26 May Friday, 25 August	Monday, 29 May Friday, 25 August
Third Term Hostels open Home weekend Home weekend Hostels close	Monday, 4 September Friday, 29 September Friday, 3 November Tuesday, 5 December	86	Friday, 1 September Friday, 8 December	Monday, 4 September Friday, 8 December
Total hostel days for 2017		260		
First Term 2018, Hostels open (Provisional)	Tuesday, 09 January		Monday, 08 January	Monday, 08 January

Optimum utilisation of school time ensures success