

Statement of Faith

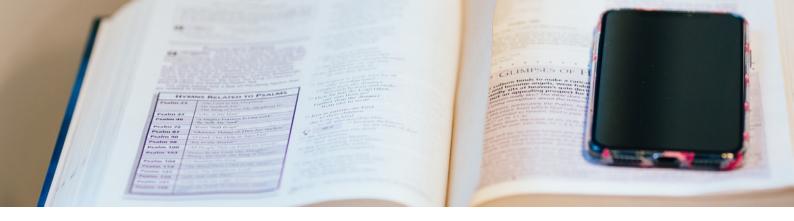












One Creator God

Belief

The Lord God is one – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He fulfills His purposes in creation, revelation, redemption, judgment, and the coming of His Kingdom.

Genesis 1; Isaiah 46:9-10; Mark 12:29; Ephesians 1:3-14

Educational Practice

Because God is the creator of all, 'sacred' and 'secular' domains of learning cannot be separated. Since humanity's purpose is to glorify God, all learning should be directed to that end, seeking to enthrone God as the creator and rightful king in the way we teach, learn, speak and act.

Conduct and Lifestyle

All people are created in the image of God and as such are entitled to a fundamental respect for their person. As a Christian community we recognise that we are a part of God's people, and He has given instruction for how we respond to and behave with one another accordingly.

Humanity and the Fall

Belief

God made humanity, both male and female, in His own image, giving all people immeasurable dignity and worth. Our rebellion against God sees us disconnected from Him, falling short of His glory and deserving of judgement. God has shown us amazing grace by reconciling us back to Him through Jesus.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8; John 3:16-21; Romans 3:23-24

Educational Practice

Our schools strive to enable each student to realise their unique God-given potential. Because of sin, all human endeavour and learning that is divorced from the knowledge of God is futile. A Christian school is a redemptive community where the reconciling work of Jesus Christ in all of creation can be shared and experienced.

Conduct and Lifestyle

Since God has shown us amazing grace by reconciling us back to Him through Jesus, we seek to be a community of peace, grace and restoration. Where there is disagreement or where relationships break down, we firstly look to the Scriptural principles for resolution.

Jesus Christ

Relief

God the Father has shown His love by giving Jesus Christ, His Son, for us. Fully human and fully God, born of the virgin, Mary, having lived a sinless life, Jesus willingly died in our place as a sacrifice for our sin. He rose victorious over every evil and against all sin, sickness and death. He was taken up to be with God, His Father, where He lives forever as the only mediator between God and humanity. He will return one day in glory and power.

As the exclusive and all-powerful saviour, we believe that Jesus Christ is the key to life's purpose and meaning, and is the unsurpassed model for human flourishing.

Matthew 1:18-25; John 1:1-18; 1 Corinthians 15:55-57; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 1:20-22; Colossians 1:15-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 1:1-3

Educational Practice

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord of life and all creation, and therefore of learning. Thus we understand a Christian school to be an educational institution in which everything is taught in the light of God's revelation in Jesus Christ, and where He is honoured in and through all aspects of school life.

Conduct and Lifestyle

Our relationship with Jesus Christ is honoured and nurtured by daily prayer and study of the Bible.

He gave us the great commandment to love God and to love others as ourselves. Consequently, in our organisation, we strive to treat each other with honour, care, respect, and courtesy at all times.

The Holy Spirit

Belief

The Holy Spirit, the third person in the Trinity, is God's presence in the world. He leads people to repent and turn to God and makes the life and work of Jesus Christ real in the hearts of those who trust in Him.

Matthew 3:11-17; John 16:8-14; Acts 2:38-39; Romans 8:1-16; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

Educational Practice

The Holy Spirit is the source of all knowledge and truth and of faith in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit is present in every Christian's life, illuminating their minds to understand the Bible and its application to all of life. In a Christian school, students' minds can be renewed and transformed by the Holy Spirit, who works in and through Christians.

Conduct and Lifestyle

The Holy Spirit produces evidence of His presence – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control – which makes the work of Jesus Christ effective and produces in Christians the increasing likeness of Jesus in their character and behaviour. We therefore expect such evidence to be present in the lives and conduct of Christians.

The Bible

Belief

The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God that speaks with final authority concerning truth, morality, and the proper conduct of humankind. The Bible was written by people, inspired by God and has ever since been protected and confirmed by God.

The Bible is the sole and final source of the beliefs expressed in this Statement of Faith, and is our highest authority in all matters of faith and practice.

Deuteronomy 6:5-7; Psalm 19:7-11; Isaiah 55:8-11; Matthew 5:17-19; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:21

Educational Practice

The Bible is the authority that governs education in our schools and illumines all learning and every dimension of life. Creation and the Bible have come from the same God of truth. Therefore any seeming discrepancy between the Bible and science can only be due to human error, either in science or in the interpretation of the Bible.

Conduct and Lifestyle

The Bible is our highest authority in all matters of faith, professional practice and public and private lifestyle.

A Christian

Belief

A Christian is someone who has been reconciled to God through faith in Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit. A Christian responds to God's grace and lives a life of trust in and obedience to Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 11:26; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Galatians 3:26-29; Ephesians 2:8-10

Educational Practice

The purpose of Christian education is to best prepare and equip students for life.

The good news of Jesus Christ and faith in Him informs, impacts and ultimately permeates throughout everything within our organisation.

The organisation maintains its identity as a Christian learning community by employing only Christians who share the responsibility for delivering Christ-centred education to students.

Conduct and Lifestyle

The Christian journey is designed to be undertaken with other believers in community that demonstrates the transformative love of God.

Through shared worship, fellowship and service in the church, Christians are called to encourage, challenge and strengthen themselves and others by a common love of God and a desire for the life Jesus wants for His people.

The Family

Belief

Families are designed by God as the cornerstone of human society.

Families are formed and sustained through the gift of marriage. Marriage is the relationship between one man and one woman, entered into for life to the exclusion of all others.

Genesis 1:27-28; Mark 10:6-9; Ephesians 6:1-4

Educational Practice

Our schools grow out of parents' vision and commitment to Christian education for their children.

Our schools operate in partnership with parents, acknowledging that parents have the primary God-given responsibility of nurturing their children to maturity.

Conduct and Lifestyle

Marriage is an institution that is to be honoured, whether or not we are called into it ourselves, and is the proper context within which God's good gift of sexuality is to be enjoyed.

The family is the primary community in which parents teach their children to learn, love, serve and grow.

God's plan and desire has always been for parents to raise their children to know and love Him and walk in His ways.

The Church

Belief

The local and global networks of people who follow Jesus Christ in Christian groups and denominations comprise the Church: a new humanity, the family of God and Christ's body on earth.

Through the Church we are shepherded towards ongoing transformation into Christ's likeness.

Matthew 16:18-20; 1 Corinthians 12:27; Romans 8:28-30; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 2:19-22; Hebrews 10:25; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Revelation 5:9-10

Educational Practice

Our organisation is independent of any particular church denomination or community. We work together with Christians from various Christian communities.

Conduct and Lifestyle

Jesus Christ commissioned His followers to spread the news of God's plan to everyone, teaching them how to find and follow Him. He commands us to love God with all our heart, mind and strength, and to love others as ourselves.



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