

EDUCATIONAL CREED

By faith we believe the Bible to be the divinely inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only absolute rule for faith and conduct, and therefore also for the education of our children at home and at school. We recognise the centrality of Jesus Christ in all of life including education. The following guiding principles are foundational to Dubbo Christian School and Wellington Christian School.

Special task of parents

Children are a gift from God and in His manifold wisdom, He has appointed parents to be responsible for raising their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord according to the Word of God.

Similarly, God has given children, on their part, a corresponding responsibility to honour, respect and obey their parents in the Lord.

In accord with this Biblical responsibility, God has given parents authority over their children to guide and direct them in the way of righteousness, therefore also holding them responsible for that part of their children's education which takes place outside the home.

Special task of the School

Believing Jesus Christ to be the Lord of our whole life, we understand a Christian school to be a legitimate educational institution. As a parent-controlled Christian school, Dubbo Christian School exists to support parents in the Christ-centred, biblically based nurture and education of children. In this capacity the School operates in dynamic partnership with parents under the authority of God.

It is the special task of the School to: lead students, under the guidance of the Word of God, to discern the coherent purpose and structure of the Creation in Christ; direct students to commit their heart to the truth and attain understanding, wisdom and righteousness through Christ; and prepare and equip them in the life-long development and use of their God-given skills, talents and creativity, so fulfilling their unique calling in life in subjection to Christ as Lord.

The school community

Parents, with their children, united in Christ for the special task of the School, together with executive and teaching staff and others who share with them a common confession of faith, constitute a Christian school community that is not in subjection to church, state or other societal structure concerning its special task, but is subject to Christ alone Who only rules as Lord over all.

The responsibility and corresponding authority of parents for the nurture of their children, including especially their responsibility for those aspects of this nurture that form the special task of the School, is to be fully recognised and safeguarded by the School at all times.

While the School is entitled to expect freedom from interference in its special task, it is required to respect and uphold all legitimate authority, in particular the authority of family, church and state and to encourage this respect in students, according to the Word of God.

Within the school community, students are subject to the authority of the teacher, whose legitimate authority is to be upheld by the whole school community. Authority is never to be exercised or maintained for its own sake, but in the School is only to be used for the effective nurture of students, in harmony with the special task of the School and with an awareness that all authority is of God, to Whom all who exercise authority must give account.

Since the fruit of all Christ-centred education depends on the sovereign gracious work of the Holy Spirit, all within the school community are to pursue the educational task together. This is achieved through constant prayer and humble reliance upon God, that the Holy Spirit may enable them to be good instruments in His hands for bringing children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, and that He may so bless their work that the students come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Master, Whom to follow and serve in all spheres of life is their greatest privilege and joy.