



ASSOCIATED CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

life through Christian education

The Core Values of our schools

1. People and relationships matter more than structures, power and control. In our employment and organisational practice, we will demonstrate a high value on family and family life. The creation of Shalom (peace, purpose and belonging) in our schools and communities will be a constant goal.
2. We are committed to exercising practical compassion for the person who is separated from God, alienated within society, or who is suffering either physically or emotionally, or who lacks physical or financial resources. Such compassion incorporates a call to new life in Christ in the Kingdom of God.
3. Honesty and integrity in public and private practice are fundamental principles in the Kingdom of God. Word, action and image will all be demonstrated in an environment which values truth.
4. The Holy Scriptures – both Old and New Testaments – are essential for our understanding of the world, of mankind and of God. Our personal lives and our corporate practice will be constantly subject to the authority of Scripture.
5. Prayer is essential for a full life, and is best expressed as confession, intercession, thanksgiving and praise through a constant, moment-by-moment, intimate relationship with God, always seeking only God's will and character.
6. As educators, we will tell the ancient and unchanging story of God, humanity and the world, in traditional and contemporary ways. Rather than narrow moralising and grumbling social criticisms, our communities will radiate grace and joy, rejoicing in the Truth and Hope of this story.
7. Preparing children for life equally in this world as in the next, we will develop and model communities where people may be liberated from enslavement by wealth, power or prestige into the peace and contentment of mercy, sharing and simplicity.
8. In the Pursuit of Excellence, we will value highly the encouragement of excellent personal and corporate contributions, as well as excellence for its own sake. Excellence of attitude and achievement of potential is important to us, as is also the celebration of achievement of definitive excellence.

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