Policy Area: FOUNDATIONS

Policy 1.4 Our Statement of Beliefs summarises the beliefs of the Association.

Our Faith
We believe this world belongs to God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As Lord and creator he sustains it through His powerful Word and grace. Humans have sinned and the whole world suffered, but God in His loving grace provided a rescue plan for his creation. God’s Son, Jesus Christ, who rules over all of life, is central to this gospel. He has overcome sin and thus has provided to humanity and all creation a pathway for a restored relationship with God. In this renewed relationship, we become effective disciples of Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit. We believe that this Christian faith is revealed in the Scriptures and is described in the historical confessions of the Reformation.

The Bible
We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the basis for our knowledge of God, ourselves, the rest of creation, and reveal to us the purpose and direction for living.

Our Task
We believe our task as Christ’s disciples is to participate with God’s Spirit to restore and reconcile the whole creation with God so that the Kingdom of God is made known in all its fullness. In particular, our task is to unfold the meaning that God has placed in creation and to respond faithfully to it. We do this by listening to God’s written word and depending on the Holy Spirit. He has been given to assist us in this task as we seek the Kingdom of God in education.

Parents
We believe God has given parents the privilege and primary responsibility of nurturing children. The school, as a community seeks the Kingdom of God in education through partnership with parents.

Students
We believe children are created in God’s image and as such are gifted with potential for learning and growth. The education we offer is to equip students to discover the rich meaning of life that God has placed in His creation. From this basis of discovery they can make choices of service and responsive discipleship.

Teachers
We believe teachers, committed to the cause of Christian education, will employ their gifts to lead in learning and the development of Christian curriculum.

The Educational Endeavour
We believe teaching and learning should be rich in meaning because it is grounded in biblical perspective. Therefore, our curriculum is to be Christ-centred and result in transformation. It is to be holistic in coverage, touching all of creation. It is to be creative in methodology, always being renewed and undergoing dynamic development. And it is to take into account the gifting of each child.

Celebrating God’s Blessing
We believe our service as a learning community can only be meaningful under the guidance and blessing of God Almighty, who is Lord of Mt Evelyn Christian School.
Christian Perspective

The Statement of Beliefs itself is a Christian theological statement.

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