

*Board Policy for
Statement of Faith*



ST ANDREWS
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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PREAMBLE

All policy, protocols and procedures flow from the St Andrews Christian College Mission Statement:

“To educate our students so that they are well skilled, understand life on the basis of biblical truth, and are motivated to walk with God and serve Him in their lives, so that they will be a positive Christian influence in the world.”

POLICY DOCUMENT INFORMATION

TITLE: Board Policy for Statement of Faith

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PURPOSE: To provide policy and direction for all the College Community.

RELATED DOCUMENTS:

KEY DATES

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BOARD POLICY FOR STATEMENT OF FAITH

All Board members are appointed on their signed understanding that:

- The Presbyterian School of St Andrews Ltd exists for educational purposes in connection with the Presbyterian Church of Victoria.
- The College aims to provide children with an education of a general nature consistent with the teachings of Christianity, including religious instruction and education in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments interpreted not inconsistently with the doctrinal basis of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. That basis comprises the Westminster Confession of Faith read in the light of the Declaratory Statement of 1901.
- The following doctrines are included in that doctrinal basis:
 1. The unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
 2. The sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
 3. The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. In accepting the authority of the Holy Scripture, and secondly, the authority of the Westminster Confession of Faith (24.1) we believe that marriage, and therefore sexual intimacy, is to be between one man and one woman (See e.g. Gen 2:24; Ex 20:14; Matt 19:5, 6). As such, we live by the principle that sex should occur only within a monogamous marriage, with abstinence from pre-marital sex, extra marital sex, de-facto 'marriage' and homosexual relationships.
 4. The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
 5. The full deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God; his virgin birth and his real and sinless humanity; his death on the cross, his bodily resurrection and his present reign in heaven and earth.
 6. Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of our representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and man.
 7. Justification as God's act of undeserved mercy, in which the sinner is pardoned all his sins, and accepted as righteous in God's sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to him, this justification being received by faith alone.
 8. The need for the Holy Spirit to make the work of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ.
 9. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all those thus regenerated, producing in them an increasing likeness to Christ in character and behaviour, and empowering them for their witness in the world.
 10. The only holy universal Church, which is the Body of Christ, and to which all true believers belong.
 11. The future personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge all men, executing God's just condemnation on the impenitent and receiving the redeemed to eternal glory.
- Board members shall respect the position outlined above and adhere, during their time as members of the Board, to the above doctrinal summary.
- If at any time during his or her membership of the School Board, a member comes to a change in belief which prevents that person from complying with his or her obligations under this policy, the member must immediately inform the Board Secretary and be prepared to resign. In any matter of a doctrinal nature, the full Board reserves the right to decide whether a particular belief comes within the orbit of the doctrinal basis referred to above, and may seek advice and guidance from relevant authorities in the Presbyterian Church of Victoria in reaching a decision on the matter.





Declaration of Compliance to the Board Policy for Statement of Faith

I, _____

have read and understand the St Andrews Christian College Board Policy for Statement of Faith.

I agree to completely abide by the obligations and requirements of the above policy.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

When completed, please return to Mrs Sharon Rowland (College Board Secretary) either in hard copy, or as a scanned PDF document.