

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The basis of Ballina Christian Education Association Ltd trading as Richmond Christian College (RCC) is the divinely inspired, inerrant word of God, the Holy Bible, as it is acknowledged and defined by the Reformed Confessions. RCC is not a church body nor is it subject to any denominational organisations, but it is governed autonomously in relation to all other institutions and organisations.

RCC is based on the following principles:

(a) Holy Scripture and Education

By faith we confess the books of the Old and New Testament to be the divinely inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only absolute rule for all faith and conduct and also for the education of our children at home and at school.

(b) Christian Parents and Education

As believing parents we have Christ's comforting assurance for our children that he will bless them when we bring them to Him .

Expecting the fulfillment of his promise and obeying his command, we endeavour to bring our children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Since the responsibility for this task has been placed on our shoulders as parents we gladly accept responsibility for that part of the education which takes place outside our homes in the school. We consider our involvement in Christian Schooling to be our duty and God-given privilege.

(c) Christian Schools

As Christ is the Saviour and King of the whole of human life we understand a Christian school to be an educational institution in which Christ is not only honoured by prayer and study of the Bible, but all subjects are taught by the light of God's revelation in Jesus Christ contained in the Old and New Testaments.

For such a Christian school, we, as parents, claim freedom in the field of education as long as this education takes place in obedience to the requirements of God's Word and in adherence to legitimate governmental standards and provision.

(d) Some Doctrines Fundamental to Christian Education

Believing all the truth revealed in the Word of God, we wish to emphasise some doctrines which are of special importance to Christian education. They are:

(i) God and creation

All things were created by God. God created them in, through and for Christ by his Word and Spirit for His glory. It is also by God's direction, power and care that all created things are sustained. In order to understand the world, man and history, they must be seen in their relationship to God as the Bible speaks of it.

(ii) The Bible and Sciences

Creation as well as Scripture has been brought forth by 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 Scripture.

(iii) Man

Man was created in the image of God to enjoy true communion with his creator. Man was instructed to exercise dominion over the world in strict and loving obedience to God.

(iv) Sin

By disobeying God's law, man estranged himself from God and brought God's curse upon himself and all creation.

(v) Regeneration

The call of God to salvation is by his grace alone through faith in which we receive new life.

(vi) Christ

Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Trinity, is God incarnate, the Word become flesh. Laying down his life for his people, he paid the price of sin for them, being a ransom for all who truly believe in him. Risen from the dead in his physical body, and having ascended to the throne of heaven, he is the king of the universe .

(vii) The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity, the divine source of all created life is also the source of faith in Christ, true spiritual knowledge. As the fruit of Christian education depends on the work of the Holy Spirit, both parents and teachers pray that God may bless their work that the children come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord.

I/We declare that I/we support the Statement of Faith of Richmond Christian College as outlined above and understand that my/our child/ren's education will be within these biblical principles.

Parent 1 Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent 2 Signature _____ Date: _____