

EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION
of the
TOOWOOMBA CHRISTIAN PARENT CONTROLLED DAY SCHOOL
ASSOCIATION INC. (QLD)

Believing that the Lord God, by graciously giving the Scriptures, has revealed to His people certain basic principles intensely relevant to education, the Association is governed by the following guiding principles:

- 4.1 **LIFE:** Since all of life is religion, God summons us to serve Him everywhere and requires from us that we educate our children in the fear of the Lord.
- 4.2 **BIBLE:** The Word of God written, is the power of God unto salvation, the truth that enlightens our understanding and the only infallible authority for all our activity, including the education of our children. In revealing that the world in its origin, gracious preservation and ultimate restoration is the handiwork of God and that the glorification of His Name is the purpose of creation, the Scriptures provide us with the true key to the knowledge of God, ourselves and the world.
- 4.3 **GOD AND CREATION:** Since God has created all things by His Word and Spirit we cannot understand the world rightly but in its relations to the Triune God.
- 4.4 **MAN:** Man was created in the image of God to enjoy the true communion with his Creator and was instructed to exercise dominion over the world in strict and loving obedience to God, to interpret all reality in accordance with His design and law and to reflect in his person and works the excellence of his Maker.
- 4.5 **SIN:** Man by disobeying God's law and forsaking His office, estranged himself from God and his neighbour, and brought God's curse upon creation. As a result man became blind to the true meaning of life and misuses and represses the knowledge of God which confronts him in creation and Scripture.
- 4.6 **CHRIST:** The Christ of the Scriptures, the Word of God incarnate, redeems our life in its entirety, restores our fellowship with God and our neighbour and renews our mind to rightly know God, ourselves and the world in which we live.
- 4.7 **THE KINGDOM OF GOD:** The Kingdom of God makes education and science possible and meaningful. Since we subject every thought to the obedience of Christ, we therefore reject every attempt to withdraw any aspect of life from the divine commandment to love the Lord with all our heart and mind.
- 4.8 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of Christian education is to direct the child to commit his heart to the truth, to attain understanding, wisdom and righteousness and to perform competent and responsible service to the Lord.
- 4.9 **PARENTS:** God has given parents the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. Christian parent controlled schools should be established in order to enable parents to fulfil their educational responsibility. The authority of the teacher over the student is therefore a delegated authority ('in loco parentis').
- 4.10 **THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:** The school established and controlled by an association of Christian believers in accordance with legitimate standards and provisions, possesses the freedom to function in the field of education in complete and voluntary submission to the Kingship of Christ.

*NOTE: ¹ Heidelberg Catechism
Belgic Confessions
Westminster Confessions
Old London Baptist Confessions
Canons of Dort*



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

for

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES OF GLENVALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

1. Children entering year 1 at Glenvale Christian School **MUST** be five (5) years of age on 31st December of the year prior to the enrolment.
2. Children entering Prep at Glenvale Christian School **MUST** be five (5) years of age before the end of June that year.
3. Parents enrolling a child for the first time **MUST** bring that child's original birth certificate to the interview with the Principal.
4. Parents enrolling a child in grades after Year 1 **MUST** bring that child's most recent school report to the interview with the Principal. The prospective student should also attend this interview.
5. Prospective students shall have completed their full course of immunisation prior to entering Glenvale Christian School. Parents enrolling a child for the first time **MUST** bring the child's immunisation record to the interview with the Principal.
6. New enrolments accepted by Glenvale Christian School are on probation for a period of three months, with respect to academic, social and behavioural matters. If a child does not meet the acceptable criteria in these areas, the school reserves the right to terminate the enrolment.



THE ASSOCIATION

Glenvale Christian School is governed by the Toowoomba Christian Parent Controlled Day School Association Incorporated (Qld). This Association consists of a group of Christians who are committed to Christ-centered education as the only kind of education for their children. The members see their affiliation to the Association as a lifetime commitment to the furtherance of Christian education.

Parents who are able to agree to the Constitution are encouraged to become members of the Association, and participate fully in the work of God in this special area of education. Members of the Association elect a Board of Directors, who together govern the school.

The Association is affiliated with Christian Parent Controlled Schools Limited, based in Sydney. This organisation is concerned with the welfare and aid of schools, associations, teachers, pupils, and parents throughout Australia. Glenvale Christian School also subscribes to "Nurture", a quarterly magazine issued by CPCS Ltd. The Association is also a member of Christian Schools Association of Queensland. This organisation primarily acts as liaison between member schools and Government bodies, but also provides many areas of support to schools and teachers.

... AND IT'S HISTORY

In 1957, the Reformed Churches of Australia urged it's members to consider and work toward Christian education for their children, in the form of parent controlled schools.

In 1965, the National Union of Associations for Christian Parent Controlled Schools was founded. This body provides mutual encouragement and support to all it's member Associations.

The Toowoomba Christian Parent Controlled Day School Association Inc. (Qld) was instituted in 1991. Since that time, the Association has worked to commence and develop a school to provide children in Toowoomba with an education that is based on God's infallible Word, and which is an extension of the Christian home. The Association adheres to Reformational perspectives, but without being locked into a particular denomination.

Many of the parents involved with the Association already had children in various church schools. Feedback from these schools indicated that the pressure of enrolments and waiting lists suggest it was a good time to look at beginning another Christian school in this city. The Board believed that because of the direction in which Toowoomba is developing, it was best to establish such a school on the western edge of the city, namely Glenvale.

In 1993 the Association was successful in receiving provisional approval from the Commonwealth Government for funding for a new school. The funding approved was at Level 6, the highest that a Government body would give to a new school, which was a further indication of the necessity of another school in this part of Toowoomba. However, this offer lapsed as the school was not able to commence in 1993.

In 1996 the Association was successful in receiving provisional approval from Education Queensland to commence a Non-State School, and approval from the Toowoomba City Council to begin Glenvale Christian School in 1997. Commonwealth Funding was approved at Level 11, the second highest level of funding possible.

On 28th January 1997, Glenvale Christian School opened it's doors to students for the very first time. We give praise to our Heavenly Father for His abundant provision and guidance in all things.