



LEIGHLAND
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Our ASSOCIATION

We are a parent-partnered Christian school.

● **CONNECT**

● **CONTRIBUTE**



Looking for individuals who are excited about assisting the school in planning its future!

HOW CAN I JOIN THE ASSOCIATION? >>>



ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACK

Why should I consider becoming an Association Member?

Watch video: <https://www.leighland.tas.edu.au/association>

Leighland Christian School was founded by the Christian Parent Association which began their vision for the School in 1954. Those dedicated folk worked hard, saved and kept the vision alive for over twenty two years before the School was first opened at Ulverstone, with just thirty six students in 1976.

The Christian Parent Association is still responsible for the School today and governs the School through an elected Board and appointed staff team. This Christian heritage is very important and fundamental to all Christian Education National (CEN) schools in Australia. By building up our Association it ensures that we remain true to the vision and core values determined many years ago by our fore fathers and helps ensure that we remain a Christian school.

It is vital that new members of our community who are Christian parents continue to stimulate the vision and be responsible before God for the direction and governance of the School. To do this, can we encourage you to become Association members.

To be a member of the Association requires you to follow the steps outlined, to meet the criteria as contained in this pack that reflects the Constitution Membership criteria and confirm your commitment to the Educational Creed and the Statement of Faith (included in this pack)

Once your membership is confirmed you are then able to become more involved in our community. You could become a member of the Board or be appointed to a sub committee that forms the support framework required to lead and manage our school from year to year.

Once you become an Association member you can have your vote at the Association meeting/s. Your prayer and support is vital to our community and by becoming an Association member you can choose to have greater involvement and participation in our School and the planning and direction it takes in the future. Thank you for considering this important issue.

Learning and Serving together in Christ!

LEIGHLAND CHRISTIAN PARENT CONTROLLED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INC.

Application for Membership to the Association

Steps to take:

1. View the Association Membership on the School Website:
<https://www.leighland.tas.edu.au/association>

2. Submit your Membership Application.

Membership Application can be submitted online or in-person via a printed copy.

3. Request your Pastor/Minister/Church Leader to complete their part of the application confirming your ability to meet the Membership criteria. OR
4. If you've already done your application online, upload your Pastor/Minister/Church Leader form to complete your Membership Application submission.

NOTE: Your Membership Application is completed only when the Pastor/Minister/Church Leader form has been turned in.

5. Your completed Application will be tabled at the next scheduled Board Meeting.
6. Board determine your membership Application on behalf of the Association.
7. You will be advised of the outcome.

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

1. Membership of the Association shall be open only to Christians who sign the following declaration and pledge, and who provide a written statement from a Christian minister or pastor or other recognised Christian leader attesting to their ability to sign this declaration and pledge:

a) I declare:

- ☐ My faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, Lord and God.
- ☐ My wholehearted acceptance of and agreement with the Educational Creed, Statement of Faith and the Constitution of the Association.

b) I promise:

- ☐ To pray regularly for the work and objectives of the Association.

EDUCATIONAL CREED

The objects of the Association shall be:

1. To establish and maintain at such place or places as the Board may from time to time decide upon, a school or schools for the daily education and instruction of children, such education and instruction to be based upon the following principles:
 - a. Compliance with any law or statute in force in Tasmania relating to the conduct and running of schools for the education of children.
 - b. That the Word of God as outlined in the following Education Creed be the basis of the conduct, operation and management of the School.

EDUCATIONAL CREED

ARTICLE 1 – HOLY SCRIPTURE AND EDUCATION

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

(a) 2 Tim 3:16/17

ARTICLE 2 – CHRISTIAN PARENTS AND EDUCATION

We believe that in His wise covenant, God has appointed the parents to be responsible for the education of the child – and accept the responsibility to bring up our children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (a), and therefore also hold ourselves responsible for that part of their education which takes place outside the home in the School.

(a) Eph 6:4

ARTICLE 3 – CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Believing Christ to be the Lord of our whole life, we understand a Christian school to be a legitimate educational institution in which all subjects are taught by the light of God's revelation in Jesus Christ, as contained in the Old and New Testaments, and in which Christ is honoured by daily prayer and study of the Bible.

In view of the above, the purpose of Christian Education is:

- A. To continue the Godcentred and Godhonouring programme of instruction begun in the home.
- B. To ensure this objective by the appointment of teachers who agree with and adhere to the principles expressed in this Creed.
- C. To direct the child to commit his/her heart to the Lord and His service.

ARTICLE 4 – THE FOLLOWING DOCTRINES ARE OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

A. God and Creation

All things were created by God through his Word and Spirit and to the glorification of His Holy Name (a). It is God who preserves all creation. From these beliefs must proceed man's effort to understand the universe and the Scripture.

(a) Col 1:15-17, Gen 1, Ps 33:6, Ps 8, Ps 19, Rom 11:36

B. The Bible and Science

Creation as well as Scripture have 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. Science is truly scientific when both nature and Scripture are taken seriously.

C. Man

Man was created in the image of God to enjoy true communion with Him (a). Man was instructed to exercise dominion over the whole world in loving obedience to God, whose works and glory he should make manifest through all his life and doings (b).

(a) Gen 1:26f, Acts 17:16f

(b) Gen 1:28f, Ps 8:4f, Rom 1:20

D. Sin

By disobeying God's law, man estranged himself from God and his neighbour and brought God's curse upon himself and all creation (a). As a result, man became blind to life's true meaning and purpose; he misuses his knowledge and abilities and adheres to mancentred philosophies (b).

(a) Gen 3:16-19, Rom 8:19f

(b) Rom 1:18f

E. Christ

Jesus Christ is God become man (a). By His death and resurrection He redeems our life in its entirety (b), so that we may know God, ourselves and the world in which we live, and may seek to do His will in all spheres of life (c).

(a) John 1:14

(b) 1 Cor 1:30

(c) Rom 8:1-17

F. The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity (a), is the divine source of all created life (b) and truth (c) and of faith in Christ (d).

(a) **2 Cor 13:14**

(b) **Gen 1:2, Ps 104:30**

(c) **John 16:13, 1 Cor 2:9f**

That the conduct, operation and management of the Association and schools is not, and shall not be, subject to an ecclesiastical organisation.

FAITH BASIS OF SCHOOL

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Preamble

This Statement of Faith outlines what we believe as we engage in the task of Christian education. This is the faith on which our School was founded. This is who we are; this is what we promote, practise and teach.

An Open Enrolment Clause

As an open enrolment school, we recognise that our student and parent community includes a variety of faith and lifestyle beliefs. All are welcome in our School. Nevertheless, it is important when joining the School community, that families understand what the School promotes, practises and teaches. We recognise the right of parents and students to hold different positions on lifestyle or faith as private matters.

God

1. There is one God who is three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.¹
2. God created the world and He created us to be His people. God loves us and is our Father in Heaven. He rules over the world and provides us with everything we need. God reveals Himself to us through His creation, through His Word in the Bible, and most of all through His Son Jesus Christ.²

The Bible

3. The Bible is God's written Word, spoken by God through the people who wrote it. Because of this we can trust the Bible in everything we believe and do. In the Bible, God tells us how much He loves us and how He wants to be with us forever, as His family. The Bible guides and directs us on how God wants us to live. It tells us what God is like and that His plan for us is good.³

Life before God

4. God is Holy and His law is perfect. God created humanity, both male and female, in His own image. Since the beginning when Adam and Eve disobeyed God, all people have broken God's laws. This is what sin is. God is offended when we break His laws. Unless we turn to Him and ask His help to turn away from our sin, we will be separated from Him forever.⁴
5. But God loves us and does not want to be separated from us. God wants us to be in His family. He wants us to honour Him because He made the world and He rules over the world. He wants us to learn about Him from the Bible. He wants us to talk to Him and enjoy being with Him.⁵
6. God's plan is to welcome us into His family again. This happens when we trust in Jesus. Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man and taught people about God. Jesus lived exactly how God planned for Him and never broke God's law. Jesus took the consequences for our sin when He died on the cross. Because of this, God promises He will forgive us when we turn to Him and away from our sin. Believing in Jesus and why He died for us is the only way we can be in God's family again.⁶

7. Jesus died for us, but that was not the end! Jesus also rose from the dead. He is alive again! Jesus is the ruler of the world. He broke the power of sin and death. The Bible says Jesus is now in Heaven. He rules over the world with God. Jesus is preparing a place for every person who trusts in Him.⁷
8. Because Jesus is God's Son and the ruler of everything, we can be sure His promises are true. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us believe God's promises and to understand the Bible. The Holy Spirit helps us believe in Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps us see all the things we do that break God's law, and helps us to be more like God wants us to be. He encourages us to do God's work here on earth. God is bringing His world back to Himself and wants us to participate with Him in this work. One day Jesus will return to this world, and everything will be made new and right.⁸
9. God wants us to tell all people in the world about how much He loves them. God wants us to tell all people about how He is the ruler of the world. God wants us to tell all people about Jesus and why He died. Every person who puts their trust in Jesus becomes part of God's family, called the church.⁹
10. The Bible says that God's promises are for all people who believe in Him. This means Christian parents want to teach their children to know and love God too. God's best plan for children is that they grow up in families. The Bible teaches that families are formed through marriage and tells us that marriage is a commitment between one man and one woman, to the exclusion of all others, that is intended to last for life and is the rightful place for sexual activity and procreation.¹⁰

A Christian

11. A Christian is someone who trusts in God's gift of Jesus Christ as his or her Saviour and who strives to follow Jesus' example in every area of life.¹¹

Christian Schools

12. Christian schools partner with families in teaching children that the world and everything in it belong to God. Christian schools weave this understanding all through their curriculum and in their everyday practices.¹²
13. God wants His family to protect and nurture every person as an individual who has dignity and worth from before they are born. He wants His people to work for justice in every society and to protect and care for His creation. He wants us to love others as He loves them.¹³
14. This is God's world and Jesus Christ is at the heart of all things. Jesus is the ruler and King of everything we do. He is Lord in our Schools, in our homes, in our lives and in our hearts. Everything we do can be done with thanks for everything God has given us as an act of worship to Him.¹⁴

⁷Deut. 6:4, Matt. 28:19, Mark 12:29, John 14:8–18

⁸Gen. 1, Ps. 19:1–4, Ps. 33:6, Rom. 1:20, Heb. 1:1–4

⁹Deut. 10:12–13, 2 Tim. 3:16–17, 2 Peter 1:19–21

¹⁰Gen. 1:27, Rom. 1:18–32, Rom. 5:12–14, Rom. 6:23, Eph. 2:3

¹¹John 14:1–3, Rom. 3:22–24

¹²Matt. 20:28, 2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Tim. 2:5–6, 1 Peter 2:22–24

¹³Matt. 28:18, Luke 24:36–43, John 5:21–23, John 14:2–3, 1 Peter 1:3

⁷John 14:16–18, John 15:26, 1 Cor. 2:9–10, 1 Cor. 12:3, Titus 3:3–8

⁸Matt. 28:18–19, Mark 16:15–16, Acts 1:8, Rom. 12:4–8, Eph. 1:20–22, Heb. 10:24–25

⁹Gen. 1:27–28, Gen. 2:24, Gen. 17:7, Matt. 19:4–6, Matt. 19:14, Acts 2:39, Eph. 5:22–32

¹⁰Rom. 6:23, Rom. 12, Titus 3:3–8, 1 Peter 2:21

¹¹Deut. 6:6–7, Deut. 10:14, Ps. 24:1, Eph. 6:4

¹²Gen. 1:26–28, Ex. 20:13, Ps. 139:13–16, Micah 6:8

¹³Deut. 10:14, Ps. 24:1, Ps. 150:6, Eph. 1:20–22, Rev. 5:13

LIFESTYLE AND VALUES

- The School bases its teachings and beliefs on the Bible, both the Old and New Testaments which the School regards as the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
- These teachings are expounded in many of the School's public and internal documents, including the Statement of Faith.
- These documents reflect the School's understanding of the lifestyle and values which all staff members of the School regardless of their role are required (subject to the provisions of the relevant equal opportunity/antidiscrimination legislation) to respect and maintain at all times and are to be understood as source documents, defining the School's doctrines, tenets, beliefs and teachings.
- Without limiting the School's constitution, Statement of Faith and related documents which may provide more specific information, the School is an institution conducted in accordance with the doctrines, tenets, beliefs or teachings of the protestant stream of the Christian Faith are included in good faith to avoid injury to the essence of the adherents of the Christian Faith.
- It is an inherent genuine occupational requirement and essential condition of employment and continuing employment that all staff members of the school are required to be seen to conduct themselves in the course of, or in connection with their work, in a manner consistent with these teachings and beliefs and in accordance with the Christian ethos of the School, and any school policy that may be developed from time to time, thus providing a specifically Christian role model and example to all students and families associated with the School.
- It is an inherent, genuine occupational requirement and essential condition of employment and continuing employment that all staff members of the School must not act in a way that they know, or ought reasonably to know, is contrary to the faith of the school. Nothing in an employee's deliberate conduct shall be incompatible with the intrinsic character of their position.
- Acting contrary to the lifestyle and values requirements set out in this clause is likely to cause injury to the Christian beliefs of members of the School community who adhere to the School's doctrine, tenets, beliefs and teachings.
- If a staff member acts contrary to the lifestyle and values requirements set out in this clause, the matter will be dealt with in accordance with the normal school procedures in relation to conduct and performance management.

I have hereby read and accept the above clauses which form part of the conditions of service at Leighland Christian School.

NAME _____

SIGNED _____

DATE / /

LEIGHLAND CHRISTIAN PARENT CONTROLLED SCHOOL ASSOCIATION INC.

Pastor/Minister/Church Leader Form

Dear Minister/Pastor/Elder

The Board of Leighland Christian School is requesting your assistance in processing the attached Application Form for Association Membership of the Leighland Christian Parent Controlled School Association Inc. This is the governing body for Leighland Christian School and forms the body responsible for the ongoing Christian ethos of our School.

The Board is required by the Association rules to request assistance from the church leadership for each prospective applicant before membership can be finalised. It is very important for our Association to ensure our membership is consistent with the view that all members are able to profess their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and for their total support and understanding of the Educational Creed, Statement of Faith and ethos of Leighland Christian School.

For you to complete this confirmation, we ask for you to discuss these criteria with the prospective applicant/s, be aware of the Educational Creed and the Statement of Faith which is attached for your reference and to confirm that the person/s nominated on the Application form is/are active member/s of your Christian community and able to meet the criteria shown. If you have any questions, then please contact the Board Secretary Mr David Grey on 0409 132 284.

For an application to be approved the prospective member must confirm the following;

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To be completed and attached to the Membership Application by the Church Leader shown below:

I, _____
(Name)

of _____
(Address)

I am a: Minister ☐
Pastor ☐
Elder ☐
Deacon ☐

of _____
(name of Christian church or Christian fellowship)

I confirm that I have met with _____
(Applicant name/s)

who has/have become a member/s of the Leighland Christian Parent Controlled School Association Inc.

I can confirm that in my opinion they do meet the Membership criteria as stated in the Constitution and that they understand and fully support the Educational Creed, Statement of Faith and ethos as included in the Association Membership Application pack.

Signed: _____

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Contact Phone No: _____

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