

DONVALE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL CREED

Education at Donvale Christian College is based on the following principles:

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 (2 Timothy 3:16-17), the only absolute rule for all faith and conduct, and therefore also for the education of our children at home and at school.

2. Christian Parents and Education

As believing parents we have Christ's comforting assurance for our children that theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven and that He will bless them when we bring them to Him (Mark 10:13-16). Expecting fulfilment of His promise and obeying the command of His apostle, we endeavour to bring our children up "in the discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). 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 the establishment of parent-controlled Christian Schools, which are to assist us in the work of Christian nurture and education, to be our duty and God-given privilege.

3. Christian Schools

As Christ is the Saviour and King of the whole of human life (Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:20-22; Colossians 1:16-17) we understand by a Christian School such an educational institution in which not only is Christ 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 Christian Schools we as parents claim all 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 provisions.

"Since, therefore, the fruit of all Christian education depends on the gracious work of the Holy Spirit, both parents and teachers are to perform their task with constant prayer that the Spirit may enable them to be good instruments in His hands for bringing the children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, and that He may so bless their work that the children come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Master, Whom to follow and serve in all spheres of life is their greatest privilege and joy."