

Principal's Message

School Values

The values we have in our school are Biblically based. They reflect the ways in which we believe (and place value on) how we should treat and respect one another. This is particularly important for children as they learn how to treat and respect one another, as they grow.

GCS School Values

- ✓ **Appreciation For Others**
- ✓ **Respect For Authority**
- ✓ **Confidence In God**
- ✓ **Honesty**
- ✓ **Effort in all things**
- ✓ **Right Choices**

Respect for Authority

Children are very observant of their parents and the way we model respect for authority. It is important for parents to demonstrate a positive respect for authority, if we expect our own children to do the same.

School Feedback

At the recent BBQ, parents were invited to add feedback to the posters on the wall in the library. The posters have been left there for a longer time so that parents can continue adding feedback. You are welcome to drop in this week and have a look, or add your own comments.

Christian Education National Website

Our school has been a member of the Christian School Association called CEN for many years. The following article is taken from the CEN website. <https://www.cen.edu.au/>

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

What is Christian education?

Many people have heard of Christian schools but what does it mean to have Christian education and a Christian school? Is the education any different? Whether it's learning how to run a 400m race, learning how to spell "rendezvous", or learning to factorise a polynomial, all knowing has its ultimate meaning and purpose when framed by God's big picture story anchored in Jesus.

All forms of education will have a particular perspective on life. It may not always be obvious or overtly stated, but it will shape how things are understood and spoken about, how things are done, and what is chosen to be taught. This might be in the form of assumptions about the nature and origins of the world, or it might be evident through suggestions about the purpose of life and indeed what it means to be fulfilled as a human. No form of education is neutral as it will always be providing a particular lens through which the student sees the world and their place in it.

A different perspective

Christian education invites young people to see and understand the world through the perspective of God's truth. The Bible becomes the lens in which students view what they are learning. The lens focusses their thinking on ultimate truth—a biblical vision for life where the world is created and sustained by God; where God has acted in history to deal with the distortions of creation caused by human rebellion; and where history is advancing towards a new creation in which all things are reconciled to God through Jesus who is not only the climax of the biblical story but is also the focal point of the lens.

A way of living

However, Christian education is not just about a Christian way of understanding. It is also about a Christian way of living. When Jesus said, "Follow me", he was expecting people to dedicate their whole lives to serving God. Christian education informs, invites, and inspires young people to live this way. The Christian school offering Christian education seeks to teach this way of life every day through all that is done and taught. It does this in a setting of a unified community of love and learning between parents, children, and teachers.

Partnership with parents

Parents have the ultimate responsibility to educate their children towards a biblical way of knowing and a Christian way of living. The Christian school community is a partnership with parents and the school sharing in this vision.

How can I be involved?

Your Christian school exists because of faithful parents and is ultimately governed by Christian parents. Your involvement is not only something that will be welcomed but is crucial for the life of the school. Join in. Bring other parents with you. Ask your child's teacher how you can help. Join the parent association. Participate. Vote. Pray.

Guitar Lessons

Mrs Kempfe will resume guitar lessons in term 2.

Parents and Teachers Conference

If you are interested in attending the following conference, please email the office this week at admin@gcs.qld.edu.au

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