1. 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.

2. HISTORY

In 1957, the Reformed Churches of Australia urged its 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 its 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 new 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 wishes to adhere to Reformational perspectives, but without being locked into a particular denomination.

Most of the parents currently involved with the Association, already have children in various church schools. Feedback from these schools indicates that the pressure of enrolments and waiting lists suggest it is a good time to look at beginning another Christian school in this city. The Board believes that because of the direction in which Toowoomba is developing, it would be 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. On their scale, the level of funding offered was 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 did not commence in 1993.

In 1996, the Association has been successful in receiving approval from the Toowoomba City Council to begin Glenvale Christian School in 1997. Application for Commonwealth Funding has again been made, and we are now awaiting approval.

On 28th January 1997, Glenvale Christian School opened its doors to students for the very first time. What an exciting and challenging time it is to be a part of this work.