



CONFESSION OF FAITH

This synopsis represents the reason for the establishment of the Cooloola Christian College in the first place. It is the foundation and basis of our school and is an integral part of all that happens here. A more complete version of this Confession, including Scripture references, is available upon request.

The Holy Scriptures

The Bible is God's infallibly written Word to mankind revealing His plan to bring mankind into a restored relationship with Him. God revealed His words to human authors by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and that word was recorded without error.

The Bible is the only sure and true rule of faith and practice throughout all generations.

God

There is only one true and living God who has always been and always will be. Although there is only one God, He exists as three persons of the same essence – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – each equally deserving of our worship and obedience.

- a) God the Father is the creator of all things. He is the absolute and all-powerful ruler of the universe. As a loving Father He adopts all who come to Him through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- b) God the Son, Jesus Christ, is the second person of the Trinity. In coming to earth as a man He accomplished our Salvation through His death on a cross. Because of His death, God the Father accepts those who believe in Jesus Christ and put their faith in Him for the forgiveness of sin. They are adopted into His family, not on their own merit, but because of what Christ has freely done. Jesus will one day return as judge bringing to fruition the eternal kingdom of God.
- c) God the Spirit is the third person of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is the sovereign agent in regeneration and lives within those who believe in Jesus, to instruct, comfort, empower, and convict them.

Creation

In the beginning, God, by His Word, made out of nothing the world and all that is seen in six literal days. Everything He made was very good. God rested on the seventh day. God powerfully governs and preserves all that He has made.

Man

On the sixth day of creation God made man in His own image and likeness. Mankind was created to glorify God and for a relationship with his Creator.

- a) Sin – Sin entered the world through the deliberate disobedience of mankind. Because of that disobedience all mankind has incurred the penalty of spiritual, physical, and eternal death and is hopelessly lost and utterly incapable of restoring that relationship with God.
- b) Salvation – This broken relationship with God has been wonderfully renewed through the gift of grace demonstrated in the death of Jesus on the cross. This gift is freely available to all and is received by faith, not on the basis of human works or merit. Salvation from the penalty of sin is available for all who repent of their sin, believe by faith in the all-sufficiency of Christ's death to pay the price of sin, and confess Jesus as Lord.

- c) The Family – God created man and woman to live together in a lifelong monogamous relationship called the family. This is the God-ordained relationship for the raising of children to maturity.
- d) Separation – The Bible in the Old and New Testaments clearly calls for a separation from any religious error and worldly and sinful practices.

The Necessity of Christian Education

Because children do not possess the necessary skills and abilities or wisdom, knowledge or understanding, to be self-sufficient in the world, they must be taught to walk in the way and light of God’s truth. Christian education will attempt to develop talents and abilities so that children can properly fulfil the demands of God in their vocation and calling in life.

The Good News

The good news is that God offers that free gift to all and upon receiving that gift of eternal life, gives us the Holy Spirit to dwell within us. The Holy Spirit is our Helper and Comforter resulting in a life that is filled with joy and purpose. It is, in Jesus’ words, “life in all its abundance”.

In seeking to enrol my child/ren at Cooloola Christian College, I hereby declare that I have read and am willing to support the College’s Confession of Faith as summarised above and acknowledge that the education of my child will be within this biblical tradition.

Signed:

Father/Guardian

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