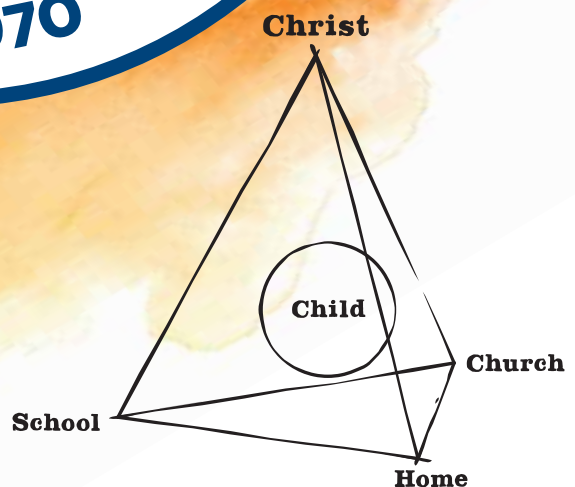


Maranatha Christian School

APPLICATION INFORMATION 2016



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Admission and Acceptance

When you decide to seek enrolment, please:

- Ensure that you have thoroughly read the information contained in this brochure. Our Enrolment Secretaries would be pleased to assist in responding to any queries you may have.
- Complete the application form enclosed.
- Forward the application form to:

**The Registrar
Maranatha Christian School
104 - 108 Reema Boulevard
ENDEAVOUR HILLS VIC 3802**

You will then be contacted to arrange an interview with the both the Principal or the Principal's nominee and the Business Manager or the Business Manager's nominee. Students will be accepted into Maranatha Christian School, providing a vacancy exists, subject to:

- Parents agreeing to partner with the Maranatha Christian School Community to actively support and encourage their child to participate in all aspects of school life in order to inspire them to develop their God given gifts, abilities and character for a life of service to the Lord in contemporary society.
- Parents agreeing to support the teaching of the School's Christ Centred Curriculum and Educational Creed as set out in Pages 13-17.
- Parents agreeing to support their child's program and the academic and disciplinary regulations required by the School

There may be times when classes are full and students may need to be placed on waiting lists. It is important when vacancies are scarce that there is a clear understanding of what it means to be 'enrolled'.

- Students are deemed to be enrolled when all of the following have taken place:
 - Completed enrolment application received by the School, and
 - Parent(s)/guardian(s) attended the School for an interview with both the Principal or the Principal's nominee and the Business Manager or the Business Manager's nominee, and
 - The Enrolment Fee has been received by the School, and
 - Parent(s)/guardian(s) have been informed by the School in writing that the child(ren) is/are enrolled.

New students are listed in the order in which the above process is completed.

Where enrolments are made a long time in advance of your child starting, you will be notified if there is a danger of the class filling up before your child is due to start. For example, if you have enrolled your child for Grade 5 in 2018 and Grade 4 in 2017 is close to filling up, you will be contacted and asked whether you want your child to start during 2017 or have your child's name transferred to a waiting list. This does not apply to enrolments for Grade Prep.

All student enrolments are subject to an initial three months' probationary period of attendance.

Please inform the School of any change of address/phone number made subsequent to lodging your Enrolment Application and Agreement.

For enrolments made prior to July in the year preceding the agreed attendance year, confirmation will be sought from you around July that attendance will be proceeding. If contact cannot be made with you at the address/phone number advised to the School, the enrolment could be deemed to have lapsed.

2016 Fee Structure

Enrolment Fee

An Enrolment Fee of \$200 is payable when lodging an Application for Enrolment. Although the fee is set as an earnest more than a charge, the cost, nevertheless, reasonably represents the cost to the School of processing an enrolment. The Fee is refunded if the Application is not accepted.

The Fee is not charged to families who transfer to Maranatha after being members of a School Association affiliated with Christian Education National or schools with which Maranatha has established a favoured relationship.

If enrolment is sought for Pre-school, this application fee will apply but no further fee will apply for school enrolment.

If an Application for Enrolment is accepted by the School, the fee secures a definite place on the Enrolment List or, if there are no vacancies available, on the Waiting List.

Security Deposit (Partial prepayment of tuition fee) – set at \$500:

- This is applicable to new enrolments
- This payment relates to the first child of the family only and is to be paid six months prior to the proposed start of school or at the time of enrolment if within six months. If attendance at school occurs, it will be applied to the first year's fees, in the fourth term. If attendance at school does not occur i.e. child is withdrawn (as opposed to deferment) from enrolment, generally payment is forfeited; GST applies.

Refund of the prepayment is possible if there is sufficient cause for enrolment not proceeding eg. moving interstate as opposed to disinclination to proceed.

Association Membership Fee

Enrolment of a child is conditional upon parents/guardians having current membership of the Association for Christian Education of Dandenong. However, membership is possible prior to a child commencing tuition at the School. Membership can be either Associate or Full; Full membership confers voting rights at meetings of the Association and may be applied for after one year of Associate membership.

The Annual Membership Fee of \$82.50 per member (inclusive of GST) is payable by time of tuition commencing and annually thereafter by 31 March.

Tuition Fees

Tuition Fees are family based, determined by the year level of the children attending the School. Overseas students could have different fee schedules applying; so as to conform to Government requirements, a separate fee schedule is available on request.



2016 School Tuition Fees and Charges

Year Level Tuition Fees	1st Child \$	2nd Child \$	3rd Child \$	4 th + Child \$	Per child Other Costs ^ \$
Prep #	5,586	3,966	1,508	250	250
Grade 1 #	5,769	4,096	1,558	250	260
2 #	5,970	4,239	1,612	250	260
3	6,123	4,347	1,653	250	270
4	6,283	4,461	1,696	250	490
5	6,448	4,578	1,741	250	450
6	6,625	4,703	1,789	250	670
7	7,184	5,101	1,940	250	790
8	7,409	5,261	2,000	250	880
9	7,627	5,415	2,059	250	800
10	7,905	5,612	2,134	250	810
11	8,423	5,980	2,274	250	750
12	8,423	5,980	2,274	250	810

Includes standard stationery pack

^ Includes all other educational and core program and elective subject costs as well as camps and excursion/activity costs. A number of elective subjects (eg. Legal studies) may incur an additional cost for intra/interstate trips. Optional non-tuition related costs such as the Thailand tour and ski and music tours etc. are excluded and will incur an additional charge.

+ Applies to 4th child and any other children enrolled in Prep to Year 12 in the school.



2016 Early Learning Centre Fee Schedule – Doveton

Four-year-old program (government funded)

Hours: 16.5 hours per week

	Fees (\$)	Other charges (\$)	Total (\$)	Families eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy		
				Fees (\$)	Other charges (\$)	Total (\$)
Kindergarten fee deposit	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00		\$200.00
Term 1	\$832.25	\$95.63	\$927.88	\$485.75	\$95.63	\$581.38
Term 2	\$832.25	\$95.63	\$927.88	\$485.75	\$95.63	\$581.38
Term 3	\$832.25	\$95.63	\$927.88	\$485.75	\$95.63	\$581.38
Term 4	\$832.25	\$95.61	\$927.86	\$485.75	\$95.61	\$581.36
Less deposit	-\$200.00		-\$200.00	-\$200.00		-\$200.00
Total	\$3,329.00	\$382.50	\$3,711.50	\$1,943.00	\$382.50	\$2,325.50

Other charges

Other charges are for Enrolment Application Fee (\$200 per family, non-refundable), Association membership (\$82.50 per parent), Annual Capital Levy (\$100).

Payment of Fees

Invoices will be issued per term and must be paid by the due date.

Kindergarten Enrolment Fee

Parents/guardians are required to pay a non-refundable fee deposit on offer of a place to secure the child's place in the four-year-old (funded) kindergarten program. This payment is then deducted from Term 4 fees.

Kindergarten Fee Subsidy

Families who are eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy (refer to fee information for families) will be eligible for reduced fee payments as per the above schedule.



2016 Early Learning Centre Fee Schedule - Officer

Four-year-old program (Government funded)

Hours: 19.5 hours per week

	Fees (\$)	Other charges (\$)	Total (\$)	Families eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy		
				Fees (\$)	Other charges (\$)	Total (\$)
Kindergarten fee deposit	\$200.00		\$200.00	\$200.00		\$200.00
Term 1	\$1,063.00	\$95.63	\$1,158.63	\$716.50	\$95.63	\$812.13
Term 2	\$1,063.00	\$95.63	\$1,158.63	\$716.50	\$95.63	\$812.13
Term 3	\$1,063.00	\$95.63	\$1,158.63	\$716.50	\$95.63	\$812.13
Term 4	\$1,063.00	\$95.61	\$1,158.61	\$716.50	\$95.63	\$812.11
Less deposit	-\$200.00		-\$200.00	-\$200.00		-\$200.00
Total	\$4,252.00	\$382.50	\$4,634.50	\$2,866.00	\$382.50	\$3,248.50

Three-year-old program (un-funded)

Hours: 6.5 hours per week

	Fees	Other Charges	Total (\$)
Kindergarten fee deposit	\$200.00		
Term 1	\$499.00	\$95.63	\$594.63
Term 2	\$499.00	\$95.63	\$594.63
Term 3	\$499.00	\$95.63	\$594.63
Term 4	\$499	\$95.61	\$594.61
Less deposit	-\$200.00		-\$200.00
Total	\$1996	\$382.50	\$2,378.50



Early Learning Centre Fee Schedule – Officer (cont.)

Other charges

Other charges are for Enrolment Application Fee (\$200 per family, non-refundable), Association membership (\$82.50 per parent), Annual Capital Levy (\$100).

Payment of fees

Invoices will be issued per term and must be paid by the due date.

Kindergarten fee deposit

Parents/guardians are required to pay a non-refundable fee deposit on offer of a place to secure the child's place in the four-year-old (funded) kindergarten program. This payment is then deducted from Term 4 fees.

Kindergarten Fee Subsidy

Families with children in the Four-Year-Old program who are eligible for the Kindergarten Fee Subsidy (refer to fee information for families) will be eligible for reduced fee payments as per the above schedule.



Additional Information

Capital Levy

A compulsory capital levy of \$300 is payable per family per annum. The levy is used in meeting the school's development objectives and capital maintenance programs. The levy is not tax deductible.

Technology Services Levy

A compulsory Technology Services Levy of \$200 per family is payable by each family. This levy assists the School in facilitating student learning through ensuring the students and staff have access to up to date hardware, systems, software, and internet provision. The levy is not tax deductible.



Parental Involvement Levy

The Parental Involvement Points (PIP) levy will be \$200 per family. The Levy can be reduced by \$20 for each hour of parental involvement performed.

Building Fund (Optional)

The school operates a building fund to assist in funding new facilities. This is separate to the compulsory capital levy. Donations to the building fund are voluntary and therefore tax deductible. If you would like to make a one-off or regular donation, please contact the school's Business Manager, Mr Rob Sanderson, by email at rsanderson@maranatha.vic.edu.au.

Donations can also be made via the school's website www.maranatha.vic.edu.au.

Payment Options

- Yearly in advance: a discount is payable for fees paid in advance prior to commencement of Term 1.
- Half yearly in advance, by two instalments: a discount currently applies to each half year's payments when paid in advance of the commencement of Terms 1 and 3
- Term in advance, by four equal instalments: payable within 18 days of the commencement of each Term
- Monthly in advance

Late Payment Administration Fee

In recognition of the administrative work involved in the follow-up of late payments, an administration fee of \$50 may be charged where fees are not paid within two (2) months after they become due according to the nominated payment plan, and each subsequent two (2) months if the amount remains unpaid.

Withdrawal from Tuition

Parents are reminded that any notice of withdrawing a student must be sent in writing to the Principal/CEO a minimum of one full term in advance ie by the first day of the term in which the child may leave. If not, a term's fees are charged in lieu, in accordance with the enrolment agreement. For students (other than those in Year 12) leaving at the end of the year, notice must be received by the first day of Term 4. Fees are not pro-rated if a child leaves mid-term.

Extra Costs

Uniform	\$200 - \$600 approximately
School bag	\$45 - \$55
Stationery and Texts	Primary Grades 3-6: Approximately \$80 (for optional items) Secondary: \$100 - \$300 depending upon year level in secondary and subjects undertaken
Material costs for student selected or special projects	At cost
Charter bus transport	Refer separate section in this Prospectus.
Book Bond	\$75 payable upon child entering Yr 7; refundable at end of schooling subject to meeting criteria for return of borrowed items.

Uniform, Secondary School Stationery and Texts are to be paid for directly to the supplier at time of acquisition.



School Operated Bus Service

BUS COSTS 2016

There are several bus services to transport students to/from the school. The following table contains the fare and route schedule. The school subsidises this service for the convenience of families. Bookings are necessary for travel on the School's Charter and shuttle service. Details for bus costs for 2016 are:

CHARTER	1 CHILD			2 CHILDREN			3 OR MORE CHILDREN		
	Per Week	Per Term	Per Year	Per Week	Per Term	Per Year	Per Week	Per Term	Per Year
All Routes (> 5km of Endeavour Hills campus or Officer campus)									
am & pm	\$52	\$510	\$2,037	\$82	\$813	\$3,248	\$93	\$917	\$3,663
am OR pm	\$32	\$311	\$1,241	\$51	\$503	\$2,006	\$57	\$562	\$2,243
Within 5km of Endeavour Hills campus or Officer campus									
am & pm	\$23	\$225	\$896	\$40	\$379	\$1,506	\$42	\$422	\$1,677
am OR pm	\$13	\$124	\$492	\$25	\$217	\$868	\$30	\$249	\$986
Shuttle Service Endeavour Hills campus to/from Doveton campus or Officer campus to/from Endeavour Hills campus									
am & pm	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
am OR pm	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Casual Bus use (am or pm) - Tickets available from Reception									
	Per Trip								
Endeavour Hills area	\$3								
All Other areas	\$7								



The following charter services will operate in 2016:-

- Cranbourne / Narre South / Hampton Park / Hallam / E/Hills
- E/Hills / Dandenong North / Mulgrave / Clayton (*pm service only*)
- Berwick / Timbarra / Narre Warren / E/Hills
- Emerald / Belgrave / Belgrave South / E/Hills
- Rowville / Lysterfield / E/Hills
- Cranbourne / Narre Warren South / Berwick / Cardinia Campus
- Pakenham/ Cardinia Campus

Please note: While the above costs are broken down into per week/per term/per annum amounts it is the school's preference that families make a full year commitment to using the bus service. Bus costs are charged on an annual basis. GST does not apply to the above costs.

Dandenong Station Bus Service

This is a Met service. The morning service is an extension into the Endeavour Hills Campus of the 843 Mossgiel Park route. The afternoon service is exclusively for Maranatha students and operates between the Endeavour Hills and Doveton Campuses and Dandenong, setting down at Met stops along Heatherton, Power and Kidds Roads. Students concession Met ticket costs apply. The application form for student concession is available from Met rail stations or can be downloaded from the internet. The application requires two small photographs of the applicant and the form requires validation by the school before submission to the Met.

Terms and Conditions Applying to Fees and Charges

1. Schooling Fees

- 1.1. Schooling fees comprise all amounts payable for:
 - (i) tuition services,
 - (ii) capital levy (for maintenance, financing and acquisition costs)
 - (iii) other operating costs and expenses relating to the provision of tuition by the School except for those items specifically excluded by these terms and conditions.
- 1.2. Schooling fees are charged to a fees account conducted in each family's name. The schooling fees for each year are determined by the Board and notified to parents in a schedule of schooling fees. These schooling fees include a tax deductible contribution to the School's building fund when elected to be paid voluntarily.
- 1.3. Fees for new enrolments are charged pro rata from the date of commencement of tuition.
- 1.4. It is a condition of tuition at the School that schooling fees are paid in advance according to the Schooling Fees Option Plan set out in Paragraph 2 unless the School agrees in writing to another arrangement.

2. Schooling Fees Payment Options

- 2.1. The School has a Schooling Fees Option Payment Plan as set out in paragraph 2.2. Parents are required to give to the School their payment option at or prior to their child's commencement of tuition in each school year unless there is a prior written agreement in place with the school for another payment option.
- 2.2. If a child is enrolled during the year parents are required to give the School their Schooling Fees Option Payment Plan prior to their child's commencement.
- 2.3. The schooling fees payment option may be varied at any time prior to the date of the next payment under the selected payment option. It is only possible to vary payment options if it is requested in writing, the School approves and at the date of variation all fees payable under the current payment option are up to date.

The Schooling Fees Option Payment Plan is to be selected from the following:

- yearly in advance in full
- half yearly in advance by two equal instalments at commencement of terms 1 and 3
- term in advance, within 18 days of commencement of term, by four equal instalments
- monthly, during the month preceding the month of tuition, by a maximum of twelve equal instalments

Early Payment Discounts

Discounts for early payment are applicable as follows:

- payment in full by 9 December 2015 - 2.00%
- payment in full between 10 December 2015 and 27 Jan 2016 - 1.75%
- payment half yearly by 9 December 2015 - 1.75%. This discount applies only to the payment made
- Payment second half year by 1 July 2016 - 1.00%
- payment half yearly between 10 December 2015 and 27 Jan 2016 and by 1 July 2016 - 1.00%
- payment by term in advance – due by the end of third week of each term – no discount
- payment by month - no discount

Marketing Scheme Rebate

A rebate of 10% of an introducing family's net schooling fees (up to a maximum of 90%) will be made in September for each family introduced to the School during the school year and which has a child/children enrolled at the School at Census day, around early August. Application for the rebate has to be made on the required form - conditions apply.

Late Payment Administration Fee

In recognition of the administrative work involved in the follow-up of late payments, an administration fee of \$50 may be charged where fees are not paid within two (2) months after they become due according to the nominated payment plan, and each subsequent two (2) months if the amount remains unpaid.

3. Withdrawal From Tuition

- 3.1. The School requires a minimum of one term's written notice (addressed to the Principal) if a child is to be withdrawn from tuition. The failure to give such written notice will result in the charging of one term's tuition fees and any other amounts owing to the School at the date the child is withdrawn.
 - 3.1.1. A student enrolled at the School, other than on a conditional or probationary basis, will remain enrolled as a member of the School until the completion of the final Term of Year 12. The School requires parents/guardians not wishing their children to be enrolled for the following year of tuition to give the School written notice by the commencement of Term 4 of the year of their current enrolment. Failure to give the required notice will result in the School charging parent/guardians one term's full tuition fees instead of notice.
- 3.2. At the Principal's absolute discretion the School may immediately terminate the enrolment of any student for violating school policy. In addition, the School reserves the right to give a term's notice in writing of termination of enrolment.

4. Non Tuition Fees And Charges

- 4.1. Non-tuition fees include: text books and stationery, excursions, camping fees, school uniform, material costs for students selected for special projects (including but not limited to home economics, textiles, wood work/metal work, graphics), transport to and from school, book bond, locker fees, any enrolment fees, your annual membership subscription to the Association, sleep-over/stay late costs.
- 4.2. Non tuition fees and charges will be charged to your fees account and membership account. Such fees are to be paid in the calendar month following the charge appearing on the statement of fees and membership accounts unless other terms are notified to parents. Some items may require direct payment. These will be advised in writing by letter or notices in school news sheets.
- 4.3. As a general rule, school stationery and text book orders will not be charged to the fees account but have to be met at the time of acquisition.

5. Enrolment fee

An initial enrolment fee of \$200 is to be paid upon lodgement to the School of an enrolment application. Upon acceptance by the School of the application, the enrolment fee is non-refundable. This enrolment fee secures a definite place on the enrolment list or the School's waiting list if no vacancies are available.

6. Partial Prepayment of Tuition Fee – Set At \$500:

This payment relates to the first child of the family only and is to be paid six months prior to the proposed start of school or at the time of enrolment if within six months. If attendance at school occurs, it will be applied to the year's fees, in the fourth term. If attendance at school does not occur i.e. child is withdrawn (as opposed to deferment) first from enrolment, generally payment is forfeited; GST applies.

Refund of the prepayment is possible if there is sufficient cause for enrolment not proceeding eg. moving interstate as opposed to disinclination to proceed.

7. Enrolment Confirmation

The onus is on you to inform the school if there is a change of address/telephone number or change of circumstance. The school will make every endeavour to contact you in September of the year prior to the enrolment year to confirm that you wish to take up the position/s held and that the application is still current. If the school is unable to make contact, it will be assumed that you are relinquishing the place that has been held for your child/children.

8. Statements of Account

A statement of fees account showing the year's schooling fees will be issued prior to the commencement of tuition in each school year. Subsequent statements will be issued in the month that any other charge is made to your account.

9. Payment Methods

Schooling fees paid under the monthly payment option are to be made by direct debit from the payees nominated bank account, unless the School agrees to an alternative payment method. Payments under other payment options can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or EFTPOS transactions from the payee's nominated bank account. Details of credit card facilities available through the School can be obtained from the Administration office.

10. Payment of Fees

All parents/guardians signing a declaration are jointly and severally responsible for the payment of all fees and money owing to the School.



Educational Creed

*“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.”
(Proverbs 9:10)*

1. Our Common Faith

As a community united in Christ for the education of youth WE CONFESS with the Church universal that there is one God, eternal and indivisible, in whom are three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, which three Persons are really, truly and eternally distinct, each one truly God, yet without in any way destroying the unity of the one and only God, who is one and not three.

That this one God is the Creator of all things, visible and invisible:

That man was created in the image of God with dominion over the creation.

That, being tempted by the devil, man sinned by disobeying the express command of God, so repudiating his Creator and bringing God’s wrath and curse on himself and on the whole creation over which he rules:

That by the curse of sin, justly imposed, every man is cut off from communion with God and is dead in sin, wholly corrupt throughout the whole man, and utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good and wholly inclined to all evil:

That God in His love for the world, sent his only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to be born of the virgin Mary, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, to live and suffer on this earth as a man under the curse of sin, though Himself without sin, to endure the fullness of God’s curse on sin in His death on the cross as a ransom for many, laying down His life for the sheep so that all who believe in Him should receive without regards to their works or merit, full and free pardon, the riches of God’s favour as His sons and heirs, and eternal life in Christ, being renewed by the Holy Spirit in Christ’s likeness:

That the Lord Jesus Christ, having died for our sins, rose again the third day by the power of God, ascended to heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, who has put all things in subjection under His feet, appointing Him to be Head of all things to the Church, which is His body:

That, at the time appointed by God and known to no man, this very same Jesus shall come again, revealed in power and great glory to judge all men, living and dead, and, having destroyed this present world, to establish the new heavens and new earth in which righteousness has permanent home:

That when the Lord Jesus comes again all the dead shall be raised bodily, those who, by faith, have done well, to eternal life, and those who, through unbelief, have done evil, to eternal condemnation:

That the risen Christ has sent the Holy Spirit into the world that by Him redemption might be effectually applied, the divine purpose of salvation accomplished, and the Church equipped for its mission on earth:

That the redemptive activity and gracious favour of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is essential for the fulfilment of men’s life.

2. The Word of God

WE CONFESS that the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments, acknowledged in the confessions of the Reformation, is the infallible word of God and so is, in all things, our supreme standard by which our whole life is to be judged:

That this Scripture, written by men moved by the Holy Spirit is itself God's Word written, God Himself the author:

That Scripture is the integral divine Word by which God, through His Spirit, draws us to and enlightens us in the truth, which is Christ Jesus our Lord, the eternal Word of God:

That Scripture is indispensable and determinative for our knowledge of God, of ourselves, and of the rest of creation, and also for the whole educational task.

3. Man's Life

WE CONFESS that man, as God's image-bearer, is given dominion over the creation to rule it, manage it, and develop it under God, who is King over Kings and Lord over Lords:

That man's life is fulfilled only in a life of free, willing submission to God: a life lived in harmony with the law of God for His creation, made known in the integral revelation of the Word of God:

That, being now fallen into sin, man can attain this fulfilment only through renewal by the Holy Spirit after the image of his Creator:

That for man to attempt anything at all in independence of God or in ignorance of God's revelation is inherently destructive of man and of the creation over which he is given dominion:

That it is man's glory, as God's image-bearer, to do everything so that the glory of God is revealed in his doing: That the development of the child as the image-bearer of God is a central concern of the educational task.

4. Sin and Education

WE CONFESS that human life in its entirety is religion, unfolding itself as service of the one true God or of a God-substitute: That, in sin, man has repudiated God in favour of God-substitutes, with the result that he is cut off from the knowledge of God, of himself, and the meaning of creation, so that the light he supposes he has is darkness and his wisdom is folly:

That, apart from the man Christ Jesus, no man is exempted from this falsifying of knowledge through sin, but from conception all alike grope in darkness, being blinded to the meaning of life, of the world and of man himself:

That no area of human knowledge is free of this sinful falsifying:

That true education is possible only where the fear of God is re-established by God's grace in the heart of man as the indispensable foundation of all wisdom and knowledge.

5. Redemption in Christ

WE CONFESS that God in Christ by the Cross has restored the whole creation to harmony with Himself, making all things new in Christ:

That, although the fulfilment of this restoration awaits the future revelation of Christ in glory, yet, in principle, by the present work of the Holy Spirit in the world, it is a present reality to be reckoned with in faith in every area of life:

That Christ in His redemption, by His Holy Spirit, is creating from among the old humanity in Adam, a new regenerated humanity in Christ, united in the Church which is His body, the covenant community bound to Him as Head:

That this covenant community is God's appointed means, through the power of the Holy Spirit within the community, for communicating the redemption of Christ to the world:

That, although, by the grace of God, men who reject the Word of God as the ordering principle of life, provide many valuable insights unto the common structure of reality, yet, because the religious direction of the thought remains radically opposed to that of the covenant community in Christ there can be no possibility of a synthesis of their systems of thought with the scripturally directed thought which Christ's covenant community is called to pursue.

6. Man's Task

WE CONFESS that all things are created by God and, as His creation, remain under His government, upheld by His power, and existing for His glory:

That it is man's task in his dominion over the creation to discern the being, shape, form and the several offices that God has given to every creature to serve its Creator, so that for the glory of God and the good of man, he may cultivate the creation in accordance with God's commands and in harmony with the laws which God in His faithfulness maintains in His creation:

That the creation is neither chaotic nor meaningless, because God has graciously preserved and sustained it in spite of the disruptive effects of man's sin, and kept it subject to His law so that man is not a meaning maker, but instead may see the structure of meaning of God's creation:

That man cannot truly know the creation of this God-given meaning without an obedient listening to the Scripture as God's written Word in the Light of which he studies the creation:

That the law of the Creator ensures a rich diversity within the unbreakable unity of the creation, which holds together in Christ who is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End of the creation of God:

7. The Special Task of Parents

- i. WE CONFESS that God has given the parents responsibility for the nurture of their children by discipline and instruction according to the Word of the Lord:
- ii. That, in accordance with this responsibility, God has given parents authority over their children to guide and direct them in the way of righteousness:
- iii. That God has given children on their part a corresponding responsibility to honour, respect and obey their parents in the Lord:
- iv. That faithful training of children means instructing them in the covenant revealed in Scripture by which God binds His people to Himself in wholehearted love, which covenant is the key to the fulfilment of all man's life:
- v. That the responsibility for this nurture remains always the responsibility of the parents and, since all life is religion, it is the task of the parents alone to determine the religious character and direction of the education of their children in every aspect of their learning, yet as members together of Christ in one covenant, the whole body of Christ shares this responsibility with the parents.

8. The Special Task of the School

- i. WE CONFESS that true education is the preparation and equipment of the child for his office and calling as God's image-bearer and steward in this world:
- ii. That a school where Christ is confessed as Head of the educational task in harmony with Scripture is a valid, but not the only expression of the life of the covenant community redeemed in Christ:
- iii. That it is the special task of the school to lead the child to discern the meaning and structure of the creation under the guidance of the Word of God and to train the child in the use and development of his God given talents, so that he may be equipped to serve Christ as King in all spheres of life to the Glory of God and the well-being of his fellow man:

That the school, under Christ and by His Holy Spirit, is to advance the reign of Christ on earth in accordance with its special task so that His Kingdom may come to expression here and now, though with much imperfection and weakness, and so that our Lord may find us busy in his garden when He comes in glory:

That the school community, in the corporate functioning of which the authority and rights of parents in the education of their children are to be recognised, is not subject as regards its special task, to church, or state or any outside authority:

That, while the school is entitled to expect freedom from interference in its special task, it is required to respect and uphold all legitimate authority, in particular the authority of family, church and state and to encourage this respect in the child, according to the Word of God:

That the authority of the teacher over the student, which is to be upheld by the whole school community, is given for the effective nurture of the child within the limits of the special task of the school, and is to be used only for this purpose with the recognition that all authority is of God to whom all who exercise authority must give account.

- iv. CONFESSING CHRIST AS KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS, THE REDEEMER AND RENEWER OF ALL OUR LIFE, WE PURSUE THE EDUCATIONAL TASK TOGETHER, WITH CONFIDENT HOPE AND HUMBLE RELIANCE ON GOD WHO, FOR JESUS' SAKE, SENT HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO LEAD US INTO THE TRUTH, WHICH IS CHRIST, AND WITH GLAD SUBMISSION TO GOD'S WORD AS THE GUIDE OF ALL OUR ENDEAVOUR THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, WHOSE IS THE GLORY AND DOMINION FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

NOTE: On request a copy of the Memorandum and Articles will be provided to parents.

