



# Statement of Doctrines and Beliefs

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1. We believe the whole Bible is uniquely inspired by God & is therefore wholly trustworthy and of supreme and final authority in faith & life (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:21).
2. We believe the sovereign God is one, in three co-equal persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who act together in creation, providence, redemption and restoration (Matt 28:19, Colossians 1:12-16).
3. We believe in the creation, test, and fall of man as recorded in Genesis; his total spiritual depravity and inability to attain to divine righteousness, apart from amazing grace (Romans 5:12-18).
4. We believe Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the third day, and personally appeared to His disciples (1 Corinthians 15:1-7, Romans 4:24-25, Acts 10:39-41, 13:29-31).
5. We believe in the bodily ascension of Jesus to heaven, His exultation, and personal, literal, and bodily coming again the second time for His Church (John 14:2,3, Acts 1:9-11, 2:32-33, Philippians 2:8-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
6. We believe that Jesus Christ, the Son is fully God and fully man. We believe in His virgin birth, His sinless life, His sacrificial death in our place, His bodily resurrection, His bodily return to judge the living and the dead (John 1:1-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Romans 8:34).
7. We believe in the salvation of sinners by grace, through repentance and faith in the perfect and sufficient work of the Cross of Calvary by which we obtain forgiveness of sins and liberty from bondage originating in Satan (Ephesians 2:8,9, Hebrews 9:12, 10:12-14, John 8:31-36, Romans 5:11, Galatians 5:1,13).
8. We believe in the Holy Spirit who together with the Father and the Son is worthy of our worship, who convicts the world of guilt regarding sin, righteousness, and judgement. The Holy Spirit unites us with Christ, and makes us partake in Christ's risen life, pointing us to Jesus, freeing us from slavery to sin, producing in us His fruit, granting to us His gifts, and empowering us for service in the world. (John 3:5-7, John 14:16-18, John 15:26).
9. We believe in His death and resurrection, the Lord Jesus Christ took the place of humanity,

making full payment for the sins of all people. For those who accept His grace and exercise faith in Him, He secures forgiveness, a right relationship with God, a new life now and an everlasting life now that will continue at the end of history. (Romans 3:23-26, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 1:3, 1 Peter 2:24).

10. We believe in water baptism, by immersion wherever possible, in the name of the eternal Godhead in order to fulfil the command of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19, Acts 2:36-38, 8:36-38, 19:1-6, Romans 6:3-4, 1 Peter 3:21).
11. We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit as a real experience at or subsequent to salvation, with scriptural evidence such as speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance (Acts 2:1-4, 8:14-17, 10:44-46, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Galatians 3:14).
12. We believe in the operation of the gifts of the Spirit as enumerated in 1 Corinthians 12:8-11, as manifested in the early Church.
13. We believe in the Spirit-filled life, a life of separation from ungodliness and perfecting holiness in the fear of God as expressing the true Christian faith (Ephesians 5:18, 2 Corinthians 6:14, 7:1, Galatians 5:16-17, 22-25).
14. We believe in the healing of the body by divine power or divine healing in its varied aspects as practised in the early church (Acts 4:30, Romans 8:11, 1 Corinthians 12:9, James 5:14).
15. We believe in the Table of the Lord, commonly called Communion or the Lord's Supper, for believers (1 Corinthians 11:23-32, Matthew 26:26-28).
16. We believe Satan is a personal spiritual being opposed to God and the salvation of humanity, sworn to enslave and destroy the human race, but his ultimate purpose has been brought to nothing by the Lord Jesus Christ (Genesis 3:1-15, Matt 4:1-11, Rev 20:10, Col 2:15).
17. We believe in eternal life for believers and a person who rejects the gift of eternal life in the Lord Jesus Christ will be eternally separated from God. (John 5:25, 3:16, John 3:36, Rev 20:12-15).
18. We believe that there is one true universal Church made up of genuine believers, and that this one universal Church is important to God and composed of many local churches in given localities. These churches are under the sovereign headship of the Lord Jesus Christ, exercising autonomous government under Him, administering all its local affairs and ministry as well as the propagation of the gospel (Acts 15:22, Matthew 16:18, 18:15-20).
19. We believe God has instituted the family as the central social structure and parents have the primary responsibility for bringing up their children. Parents are to instruct and care for their children and provide for their physical, spiritual, and educational upbringing. God has also instituted the church to make disciples of all nations and provide spiritual teaching. He has established civil governments to make laws, keep civil order and promote human flourishing. Each of these institutions has distinct roles and responsibilities which overlap but one should not usurp the role of the other (Genesis 1:28, Mark 12:17, Romans 13:1-7).
20. The College plays an important role in the formation of students- in leading and nurturing the, spirit, mind and body, to lay hold of their unique purpose and potential in God's world, and to equip them for a life of fulfilment and significance. It is the aim of the College that graduating students will be transformational in their future callings and vocations (Psalm 127:3-4, Psalm 139:1-18).
21. We believe God has created humanity in His image and ascribed dignity, sanctity and worth to human life from conception until death. God requires human life to be accorded respect and to be protected from harm (Genesis 1:27, Psalm 139:13-16, Exodus 20:13).
22. We believe God has created humanity as distinctly male and female and has ordained a normative connection between binary biological sex and a person's true self-conception as male and female. The two distinct, complementary genders (sexes) of male and female together reflect the image and nature of God. The Bible ties gender identity to biological sex. God's intended best for humankind is that we live our lives in accordance with our biological sex. According to Scripture, our gender identity is to align with our biological sex, as designed

by God. The determination of biological sex commences in the womb and is confirmed at birth. We recognise that in a very small number of cases sex may be indeterminate at birth and a determination of sex may be required. We acknowledge the biological sex of a person as recognised at birth and require practices consistent with that sex (Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:22-24, Matthew 19:4, Genesis 5:1-2, Psalm 139:13-14, Mark 10:6).

23. We believe some people will marry and some will remain single: one is not inferior or superior to another, and both have dignity, according to the Bible. God has instituted marriage between one man and one woman for life to be the only Scriptural covenantal, sexual, and procreative union for humanity which signifies and mirrors the covenant love between Christ and His Church. Married couples must be sexually faithful to each other. Sexual relationships outside of marriage between a man and a woman are contrary to God's will and command for humanity (Genesis 2:23-24, Matthew 19:5-6, Ephesians 5:22-32).
24. We believe humanity, originally created for a relationship with God, turned away from God and thus became sinful by nature and practice, unable by any personal merit or effort to restore that relationship. This fall has corrupted human identity and purpose, impacted sexuality, family and social relationships, and has separated humanity from fellowship with God (Genesis 1:26-31, Romans 1:18-32, Romans 3:23, Titus 3:3-7).
25. Acknowledgement of our sin and acceptance of the loving grace of God will lead to purity and holiness as the Holy Spirit's work enables the believer to demonstrate the character of the perfect man, Jesus Christ. The Bible exhorts us to pursue godliness and to model Biblical standards of behaviour to our peers and the wider society in both word and deed. It also calls Christian believers to abstain from all appearance of evil and to be active members of a local church and meet together regularly as a body so that we may encourage one another (Leviticus 20:22-26, Deuteronomy 6:25, Psalm 133:1, Matthew 5:16, Acts 2:46, 1 Corinthians 14:26, Philippians 2:12-16, 2 Thessalonians 5:22, Titus 2:10-14, Hebrews 10:25, 1 Peter 13-16, 2 Peter 3:11-14, 1 John 1:5-10).
26. Creek Street Christian College Incorporated aims to spread and strengthen the teaching of Christian faith, as articulated in this Statement of Doctrines and Belief, the maintenance of the doctrines upon which that faith rests, and the observances that promote and manifest that faith. In the context of Christian schooling, conduct that is inconsistent with the Christian beliefs of the College, including on the part of the student body, can impact detrimentally on:
  - a. the College's ability to be conducted in conformity with its Christian doctrines, tenets, beliefs, or teachings.
  - b. its ability to maintain its Christian ethos; and
  - c. its ability to model a Christian standard of conduct to each individual student and to the student body.

The use of college facilities or property in a manner that is inconsistent with its Christian doctrines, tenets, beliefs, or teachings can have the same impact. Such conduct can remove the ability of the College to act in conformity with its doctrines, tenets, beliefs, or teachings and can incur injury to the religious susceptibility of adherents of its religion (Psalm 127:3, Proverbs 22:6, Matthew 5:13-16, Matthew 18:10, Mark 9:37, 42, Luke 17:1-2, Acts 20:28, Ephesians 2:20-22, Ephesians 5:3, Hebrews 10:24-25, Hebrews 13:17).

27. We believe that the Christian faith is a life-transforming faith. That transformation is enabled through the active power of the Holy Spirit. Accordingly, an active faith will be authentically evidenced in a believer's actions. We believe that the Christian faith cannot be authentically conveyed by a person whose words are inconsistent with their actions. The Christian faith's most authentic representations is found in an alignment of expressed affirmation and practice. Accordingly, actions can inform the content of one's faith. Every staff member represents the dramatic outworking of the Christian faith through the testimony of their acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and through the resultant ongoing daily transformation towards Christ's likeness, as evidenced through the fruits of the Spirit. Across the full

complement of occupations found within our staff community, every member plays a crucial role in demonstrating the outworking of an authentic Christian life to the wider school community. It is for this reason that we believe that, in the context of Christian schooling, 'it takes a village to raise a child' and that 'faith is caught, not taught' (Matthew 7:20, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, Galatians 5: 16-26, 1 Thessalonians 5:22, James 1:22-25, James 2:14-26).

28. Those called to model the Christian faith to others receive the high and worthy calling. Those who accept such a calling do so acknowledging that conduct that is inconsistent with the professed beliefs can place an impediment toward, or negatively impact upon, the faith of other believers, or those who are yet to express faith in Jesus Christ. We believe that such impediments or impact can also occur where Christian believers have failed to model the Christian life but continue to personally affirm Christian beliefs (Matthew 18:6, Romans 14, Ephesians 4:1, 1 Timothy 3; 1 Timothy 4:12, 2 Timothy 2:15, Titus 1:7-14, Hebrews 13:7, James 3:1).

- NOTE: Bible version used is New King James translation.