



The Way

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LIVING EXCELLENCE THROUGH CHRIST

Dear Friends

As a Christian College we require clarity around why we do what we do, in order to be authentic and determined in purpose. Therefore, we need to be strategic in our planning and also in evaluating progress against our statements of intent. Reflective questions and evaluation help us align our thinking and actions with higher order objectives.

The notion of nurturing young people to develop hearts that are turned towards God, heads that know and discern, hands that serve as a continual act of worship and habits that keep them in God's will; this is aspirational, inspirational and a worthwhile pursuit. Equipping them in this way is a combination of God's Holy Spirit at work in their lives and our continuous encouragement, prayerfulness and modelling, through deliberately fostering

these virtues by the four pillars, in day to day teaching and learning, both in and out of the classroom.

We have a deep hope for each young person in our learning community. It is that a confident faith and a Christ-like character is formed in them, which leads to a life of joy, purpose and service. We believe that the good work begun by God will continue until it is finished and each of us hear the words,

"Well done, good and faithful servant"

(Matthew 25:21).

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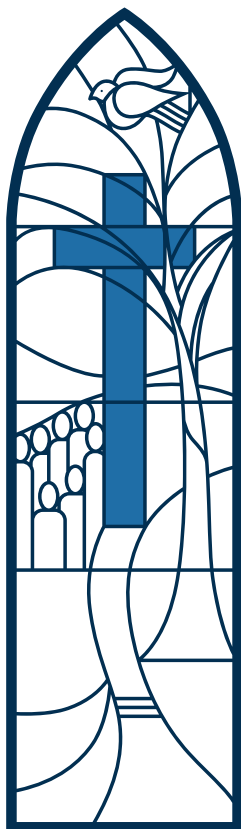
Shalom
Larne Edmeades
Principal

VISION

To be a Christian learning community of excellence, where lives are transformed.

MISSION

To provide biblically-based, Christ-centred education equipping students for effective service and leadership.



CHRIST
CENTRED

BIBLICALLY
BASED

The Heart

TE NGĀKAU



PROV 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

DEUT 6:5

Love the Lord your God with all your heart.

1 SAM 16:7

Man looks at the outward appearance but the Lord looks at the heart.

PSALM 51:10

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

EZEK 36:26

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

TO BE YOU

To know one's unique identity in Christ; to know one's worth, gifts and talents.

TO BE CHRIST-LIKE

To demonstrate godly characteristics, to show resilience, humility, perseverance, passion and joy, to trust and obey.

TO BE CONNECTED

To grow in love of God; to love one another; to respect diversity; to show kindness; to collaborate; to contribute; to nurture good friendships.

The Head

TE HINENGARO



ROM 12:2

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, His good, pleasing and perfect will.

MATT 22:37

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

2 PETER 1:5

...make every effort to add to your faith goodness, and to goodness, knowledge.

1 COR 14:20

Stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults.

MATT 10:16

...be as shrewd as snakes but as innocent as doves.

1 COR 8:1

Knowledge puffs up while love builds up.

2 COR 10:5

Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

1 PETER 3:15

Always be ready to make your defense [apologia, a reasoned defense] to anyone who demands from you an account for the hope that is in you.

TO BE CURIOUS

To ask questions, to see God's handiwork, to inquire, to grapple with complexity, to observe, to understand, to interpret, to wonder.

TO BE WISE

To seek, to examine, to reflect, to know and apply God's truth in order to discern what is right. To be teachable.

TO BE REDEPTIVE

To be courageous, to seek information, to restore, to transform, to be a change maker for good and for God.

The Hands

NGĀ RINGA



COL 3:23-24

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

MIC 6:8

He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

PHIL 2:3-4

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, looking not only to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.

MATT 22:37-39

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is to love your neighbour as yourself.

TO HOLD

To have conviction that you are called to serve with a heart of gratitude. To work out your faith as a disciple of Jesus.

TO SERVE

To work faithfully as a steward of the gifts, abilities and talents that God has given you. To show manaakitanga, and to bless others.

TO LEAD

To exhibit courage, humility, vulnerability and selflessness in modelling servanthood to others.



The Habits

NGĀ HANGAHANGA

DEUT 6:6-7

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

ROM 12:9-13

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly

love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

1 JOHN 4:16

We know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

TO REFLECT

To take time to be still, to be alone, to contemplate, to connect with God and others.

TO PRAY

To have conversations with God that focus on God's nature, our need of Him, our thankfulness and our requests.

TO READ

To study, to memorise, to meditate on and to apply God's word.



CHALLENGING THE INTELLECTUAL

ROMANS 12:2

Be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

Children flourish in an environment which affirms that life has meaning and greater purpose.

At Bethlehem College, learning is a process of guided discovery. We are constantly seeking to apply biblical truth to all our thinking, and the actions and activity that result.

Our approach is one of teaching, modelling

and example; allowing students freedom of choice and remaining committed to their best welfare.

At junior level, our classes are designed to plant seeds that will grow in the minds of our young students. The focus at senior level is preparation for young adulthood, by stretching students intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually.



EXERCISING THE PHYSICAL

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.

Sport is a cornerstone of our curriculum, supporting the school's goal of producing graduates who are balanced and committed to success.

Our range of indoor and outdoor facilities provide students with a superb environment to excel in their chosen sporting arena.

Students are encouraged to take part in a wide range of sporting activities. The Bethlehem College Events Centre provides an excellent venue for indoor sports. Extensive outdoor facilities cater to other popular codes.



DEVELOPING THE CULTURAL

PSALM 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

The arts are an essential part of a well-rounded education. The provision of the wonderful Performing Arts Centre in 2009 has greatly enhanced the teaching of music, drama and dance within the school.

Opportunities in the arts are wide and varied, with students able to showcase their abilities in instrumental, vocal groups, dance and drama.



SHAPING THE MORAL

MATTHEW 22:37-39

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind... and you shall love your neighbour as yourself.

We shape the moral character of our students, teaching that integrity and a strong relationship with Christ, will serve throughout their whole lives. We help them to look outwardly and see what they can do for others, at a time when the world is becoming increasingly self-absorbed.

One of the great lessons Christ gave us was the value of an attitude of service and leadership. Our biblical worldview prepares our students to go out and make a positive difference in the world, and to serve the communities in which they live.

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