



# PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

## LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

### VISION

The vision of LCC is to assist Christian parents to teach and train their children in a Christian environment, so that they will fulfil God's purpose in their lives and bring an uncompromising Christian influence to our society.

To fulfil this God given vision and mission the College has in place a Strategic plan, an annual Operational Plan and a Business Plan.

The Strategic Plan has seven pillars as illustrated in this document which give direction to all school operations. It has been developed through extensive collaboration with the School Council, Leadership Team, key stakeholders, parents and students.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Lighthouse Christian College is to assist Christian parents to teach and train their children in a caring environment, so that they will fulfill God's purposes in their lives and bring an uncompromising Christian influence to our society.

With this mission in mind, our committed Christian staff will seek to:

Assist parents in their responsibility for the ongoing process of developing their children to spiritual, personal and intellectual maturity.

Teach our students, within the context of a Biblical Christian worldview, using the best possible methods and resources available to us, to enable them to achieve academic excellence.

Be sensitive to the individual needs of all of our students. Train students so that they gain the attributes of self-discipline and values that are necessary for success in all aspects of life.

Maintain a safe and nurturing environment so that students can develop without the adverse pressures of:

- Drug, Substance, & Alcohol abuse
- Bullying, Harassment & Discrimination
- Sexual promiscuity

### VALUES, ETHICS AND STUDENT WELFARE

Lighthouse Christian College aims to support Christian families in the education and training of their children in a caring environment – reinforcing Biblical values, standards of conduct and ethics including digital ethics so that they will develop as good and Godly citizens with hope and purpose. As a Christian school, we seek to base all we do and teach in the College on the values and ideals that are broadly common to Bible-believing Christians.

The following are some of the values that we believe are important

### **Student Welfare and Behavior Management**

The approach to behavior management at Lighthouse Christian College is based on God's Word and is designed to be consistent with what is expected in a Christian home.

Discipline is much more than correction or punishment; we regard behavior management in the College as a program focused on each student's character development through instruction, challenge, remediation, affirmation and restoration.

### **Home School Arrangement**

We strongly believe in the close partnership of home, church and school. The parents/guardians, student, staff and College Council all seek God's order and blessing to surround the teaching learning process. Good and positive relationships are at the heart of what we are about as a school community.

## **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – ‘RAISING CHILDREN WITH PURPOSE’**

The College strategic plan is written in alignment with the Education Act 2013, the goals of school reform and the School Improvement Framework.

These goals include:

- Biblical Christian Worldview
- Quality Teaching
- Quality Learning
- Meeting students' needs
- Transparency and Accountability
- Empowered School Leadership

The major focus of the College in '*raising children with purpose*' is to aspire for holistic education inclusive of spiritual and academic excellence. It is therefore the mission of the College to partner with parents in providing a Christ-centred teaching and learning environment in which students can flourish.

## **THE SEVEN PILLARS**

1. *Discipleship* – Spiritual
2. *Excellence* in Education - Teaching and Learning
3. *Stewardship* – Sustainability
4. *Transforming our world* – Globalisation
5. *Innovation with Integrity* – Business
6. *New Opportunities* – Growth and Development
7. *You, me and everybody* – Community

## ENACTING THE COLLEGE PHILOSOPHY

Lighthouse Christian College enacts its philosophy through the implementation of its 7 Pillars (see above) in programs and teachings and in policies, procedures and practices of the College.

The following objectives for each of the College's 7 Pillars are centered at the heart of its operations and form the strategic intentions of the College.

The College Council and leadership will be sharing and promoting the College's philosophy in all College events.

The Seven Pillars	
Pillar	Goal
<b>SPIRITUAL</b>	To provide an environment in which students can grow in their encounter with God and be transformed in their own personal relationship with Christ within the context of a discipling framework.
<b>TEACHING AND LEARNING</b>	Provide an environment in which students and staff can grow in their skills in academic, physical, social and spiritual aspects of their lives.
<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	Integrate sustainable practices into the core business culture and operations.
<b>GLOBALISATION</b>	To provide an environment in which students can grow to be Godly, internationalised, global citizens.
<b>BUSINESS</b>	To develop viable business and financial plans that provide for both stability and future opportunities.
<b>GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT</b>	Review the College marketing plan to include strategies for student growth, optimisation of staff student ratios and development and use of campus facilities.
<b>COMMUNITY</b>	To develop healthy relationships with parents, students, churches, pastors, staff and the local community.

## COMPLIANCE

Lighthouse Christian College is committed to compliance with civil regulations. The College is accredited by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) and the Victorian Department of Human Services.

All of our staff are appropriately qualified and teachers are registered with the Victorian Institute of Teachers. Our curriculum is compliant with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and our graduating students are eligible for University entrance through the Victorian ATAR system. Our lessons reflect the national curriculum guidelines and standards.

# STATEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES

**Lighthouse Christian College is committed to the principles of a liberal democracy.**

We believe in an accountable, democratically elected government.

We respect and observe the rule of law, and believe that no person is above the law.

We believe in equal rights for all before the law, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, sexuality, gender or other attributes.

We believe not only in the freedom of religion, but also the need to practise tolerance and understanding of others' beliefs.

We believe in the value of freedom of speech and freedom of association, but also acknowledge that we have the responsibility not to abuse this freedom.

We believe in the values of openness and tolerance, and value and respect all members of the College community regardless of background.

## LIGHTHOUSE IS A CHILD SAFE SCHOOL

**Lighthouse Christian College has zero tolerance for child abuse and will treat seriously all allegations and concerns in this regard.**

Lighthouse Christian College operates under the governance of LCC Inc. and complies with all civil regulations. LCC is committed to upholding the Child Safe Standards, [Ministerial Order 870](#), and the [Minimum Standards for School Registration](#) as set by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA).

## LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PHILOSOPHY IS PUBLISHED THROUGH:

- College website,
- College management system,
- Parent portal
- College Council Charter
- Student and Parent Handbooks
- Student Diary
- Parent Information Sessions (e.g. Parent Information Night)
- New staff Induction
- to Staff at the start of each school year
- Christian Schools Australia's (CSA) website
- Independent Schools Victoria's (ISV) website
- Regulatory authorities' website (e.g. My School).