



# Koinonia Christian Academy Inc.

## POLICY STATEMENT

1. Koinonia Christian Academy Inc. is a non-profit, Bible-based Christian school run as a ministry in association with the Full Gospel Family Fellowship Inc
2. Its purpose is to provide parents with an educational environment for their children in which the moral values, beliefs and teachings of the home and church are also promoted in the school. It is open to children of all Christian denominations without ethnic bias.
3. However, it pre-supposes that any parents seeking to enroll their child/ren, want them to be taught according to Biblical principles, and from a Biblical perspective, and that they will wholeheartedly support the efforts of staff to do so.
4. It also pre-supposes that parents have a personal faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, demonstrating this by involvement in their local church, and desire this for their children as well.
5. The Academy is registered with the NSW Education Standards Authority (formerly BOSTES –Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards from years K-10).
6. Prospective parents should note that this Academy provides an alternative educational system to that offered by the State, in that it uses a Bible-based curriculum called Accelerated Christian Education. This curriculum is academically excellent but **does not prepare students for the State Record of School Achievement or Higher School Certificate**. Students are issued with equivalent certificates from our Educational Authority, Southern Cross Educational Enterprises, and Year 12 students sit the SAT,

a Universities' Entrance Test. Their resultant score in this is given an equivalent Tertiary Entrance Ranking by the Universities' Admissions Centre.

7. Except for our excellent ABC's Learn to Read Programme, which is administered in a group class setting, the curriculum is individualized and self-instructional. Therefore each child is given the opportunity of progressing through it at his/her own learning rate and level of achievement. This is fostered by providing positive goals and controls in an atmosphere of encouragement and approval.
8. The Academy maintains a high level of discipline in which the student is taught respect for authority and for others, and also the value of self-discipline, essential for success in later life. However, in accordance with the 1995 Education Reform Amendment (Corporal Punishment) Act, this school will not administer corporal punishment to its students.

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9. It expects parents to understand that the school has the right to give detentions, and suspend or expel any student whose behaviour is not in accordance with the high standards of personal discipline and behaviour expected of its students.
10. This Academy believes that Christians should present a high standard of appearance and behaviour, with correct attitudes, at all times. Therefore, a high level of student dress and conduct is expected. Behaviour such as dishonesty, cheating, bad language, fighting, etc, is considered unacceptable, and dealt with according to the school's discipline policy.
11. A balance between academics and social interaction is provided by group classes covering the practical subjects such as creative arts, music, sport, technology, drama, and discussion opportunities.
12. The Academy aims to give training in leadership, and to develop character, healthy moral values, and direction in life. As part of each PACE or unit of learning, one of sixty-six positive character traits is introduced, studied, and reinforced during Assembly. During the course of the

student's academic life, he will have studied all of these, and hopefully have assimilated them into his life.

13. Encouragement is given by staff to promote positive motivation towards work and excellence. It also has a Chaplain employed under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Programme, who takes part in Chapel, which is held every Thursday morning, and is available on a voluntary basis to provide support, mediation, and guidance to students and the wider school community.
14. As part of the curriculum, school excursions are conducted both locally, and further afield to places like Dubbo, Canberra, Sydney, and the Coast. Senior students also participate in the annual Student Convention conducted by Southern Cross Educational Enterprises. At this, students gather together for friendly competition with students from other schools or home-schooling families using the *Accelerated Christian Education Programme*. They compete in the areas of Academics, Platform, Music, Art, Craft and Track and Field events. Preparation is made for these events during the normal school year, and success at the regional level will give students the opportunity of competing every second year at the South Pacific Student Convention, and possibly the International Student Convention in the USA.
15. Pride in, and loyalty to God and Country, is emphasized by daily display of our Christian and National flags, weekly use of our National Anthem and pledges to God, Flag and Country, and also instruction in Australian Studies.
16. School spirit is promoted by mandatory wearing of school uniform, and the use of a school motto and flag.
17. The personal safety of all students is paramount, and so all staff members are screened according to the State's Child Protection Policies. The Academy has also developed other policies dealing with student welfare issues, including a **Sunsafe policy** which requires mandatory wearing of school hats during outside activities, and a **mobile phone policy**. This policy states that mobile phones are NOT to be brought to school, or on school excursions. (see full policy for details and possible exceptions.)