

**Religious Policy Document**

Date: March 2023

The 1996 Constitution of South Africa, Section 29, provides for the establishment of independent schools based on common culture and religion, provided that they do not discriminate on the basis of race. The collective right of the school which is joined by a common Christian purpose is more persuasive than the right of the individual. Being a Christian, Christ-centred, Bible-believing school, our Christian ethos forms the foundation of our school.

We believe in the biblical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in their original writing as fully inspired of God and accept them as the supreme and final authority for faith, life, and governance. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that Jesus Christ was begotten of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary and is true God and true man. We believe that God created man in His own image, both male and female as described in Genesis 1:27. Every believe in and subscribe to a biblical view of identity. We believe in and subscribe to the biblical principle of heterosexual relationships between a natural man and a natural woman and that this is the only marriage relationship that constitutes holy matrimony Gen 2:24, Matt 19:3-6. We believe that human life begins at conception (Ps 139:13-16, Jer 1:5, Luke 1:15) and that an unborn child at any stage of development is fully human and should be treated as such. We believe that it is unacceptable for Christians to teach hatred against any group or individual Matt 22:37-40.

All our educators at Cross-Over Remedial School are of Christian faith to the best of our knowledge.

Having chosen to send your child to this school, you understand that we are a Christian school and have a Christian ethos. Learners of different religions are welcome in our school and are not prohibited from practicing their religion outside the school grounds. However, during school hours and school terms, your child may not leave the school early or take days off for religious reasons unless they have received permission from the principal.

It is compulsory for all learners and staff to attend the daily morning devotions and assemblies. Devotions and assemblies include a Bible scripture reading, a lesson and a prayer, which are done by the educators or the principal.

Religious jewellery or apparel are not allowed.

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Father's/ Guardian's name	Signature	Date
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Mother's/ Guardian's name	Signature	Date
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Learner's name	Signature	Date

