

# HEATHERTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

## ENROLMENT POLICY

This policy is premised on the understanding that the aim of a Christian school is primarily to prepare students from Christian homes who share the aims, beliefs and values of the school, to become faithful and obedient disciples of The Lord Jesus Christ.

Heatherton Christian College has been established to assist Christian parents in the education of their children. It is for this reason that the College's educational programme is based on Christian values and understandings. It is the expectation of Heatherton Christian College that all its staff are committed Christians who are faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ and whose lifestyle and beliefs, inside and outside the College reflect Biblical values.

Heatherton Christian College also expects that parents wishing to enrol their children in the College should share the Biblical values and beliefs which is shared by the Apostles Creed and should attempt to inculcate these values and beliefs in their children and to live lives consistent with these values and beliefs both inside and outside the College. The College would normally expect both parents (where the children are in care of both mother and father) to be committed Christians, or where one parent is committed to Christ the other parent, if domiciled with the children, to consent to their being given Christian education. This will require discussion between that parent and the College to ensure there will be no conflict between the home and school.

Parents who do not meet the above requirements but who genuinely want a Christian education for their children, are invited to discuss the possibility of enrolment of their children with the College. The Principal, together with the Senior Pastor will have discretion on this matter.

## PARENTAL / GUARDIANS RESPONSIBILITY

The College has a charter of beliefs and both parents/guardians would normally be expected to live by its statements to be eligible to enrol their child in the College. This would involve regular attendance at a Christian church recognised by Kingston City Church.

Parents are expected to work with the College in practical areas such as working bees and excursions whenever possible.

Parents/guardians are expected to pay the appropriate fees by the expected date and to keep the child in the proper uniform.

The College will accept students from Christian homes without discriminating on grounds of race, disability, intelligence, financial status or gender, except:

- Whenever the College is unable to provide the necessary resources needed to give a student a sound Christian education; in all cases.
- In all cases the College retains the right to refuse enrolment without assigning any reasons therefore, where the College believes this would be in the best interest of the College community.

Parents who wish to enrol their children at the College will be asked to:

- a. Ideally, enrol all school aged children within a family to promote unity within the home.
- b. Attend an interview where the College philosophy will be explained, and their agreement sought.
- c. Agree to support the College in all ways they can, including attending information meetings, by supporting school programs such as working bees, rosters etc, by regularly paying school fees.
- d. To provide children with the correct College uniform and other equipment needed for school.
- e. To agree to their children being involved in all areas and activities of the College including worship, excursions and sport.
- f. Fill in an application form in which parents:
  - i. Give permission for their children to be brought up according to the College rules and policies (including discipline policy).
  - ii. Signify agreement with the Apostles Creed. Have read the College's statement of faith.
  - iii. Agree to their children being brought up according to these beliefs and values; and
  - iv. Signify a willingness to support the College as indicated above.

This policy will be evaluated and reviewed as part our cyclical review process.

BOARD APPROVED:

DATE:

REVIEW DATE: 2019