Torrens Valley Association for Christian Education Incorporated

Strategic Plan 2016–2020

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TORRENS VALLEY
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

IN CHRIST, WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE

Our Foundation

We acknowledge God's blessings for our school and honour the past founding families who through dedication and hard work gave us a firm foundation on which to stand, and a vision and a faith that continues to strengthen with each generation.

The founding families of Torrens Valley Christian School comprised of members from the Reformed Church of Adelaide, who remained faithful and obedient to the calling of God to establish a school that would provide a Christ-centred education. These Godly people believed that Christian Education should be based on the Word of God and that there should be a strong partnership between parents and the school.

We celebrate God's provision to our Christian community. As we have continued to be obedient to his calling, he has blessed us with growth in student numbers, wonderful facilities and resources and a vibrant future.

Our Future

Building on the strong foundations of the past, this 2016- 2020 Strategic Plan is the School's blueprint for future development. Maintaining the history, ethos and values of the School, we are committed to providing contemporary, relevant, Christ-focused education, where every student is nurtured and challenged to reach their full God-given potential and equipping them for service in the world in which we live.

Our Motto

In Christ, Wisdom and Knowledge
Colossians 2:2-3

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Our Mission

Torrens Valley Christian School is built on faith in Jesus Christ, providing excellence in education. Our aim is to nurture children in a Christ centred learning environment in order to develop their full academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual potential.

Our Values

Believe in God
Belong to community
Become all you were created to be

Our Vision

Torrens Valley Christian School is a Christ-centred learning environment developing young people to believe, belong and become all that God has created them to be.

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Focal Points for our Learning Community

We hold to God's truth as expressed in the Bible, to the Nicene Creed and our Educational Creed, with the aim of living a life honouring to Him. To affect this, we realise that education and learning are paramount.

The following six Focal Points aim to summarise all we do within the Torrens Valley Christian School community:

Personal understanding of God and how to live with God in relationship.

FOCAL POINT 1
We aim to develop and live out a Christian Worldview, in line with the teachings of Bible.

FOCAL POINT 2
We aim to learn more about God and how to develop a closer relationship with Him.

Understanding of life and how to live in community.

FOCAL POINT 3
We aim to develop our abilities and talents to serve God and to value the many differences that exist within people.

FOCAL POINT 4
We aim to share each other's joys and burdens.

Using our talents to serve our community and the environment.

FOCAL POINT 5
We desire to learn how to express Christian love.

FOCAL POINT 6
We seek to understand, as fully as possible, the integral nature of life.
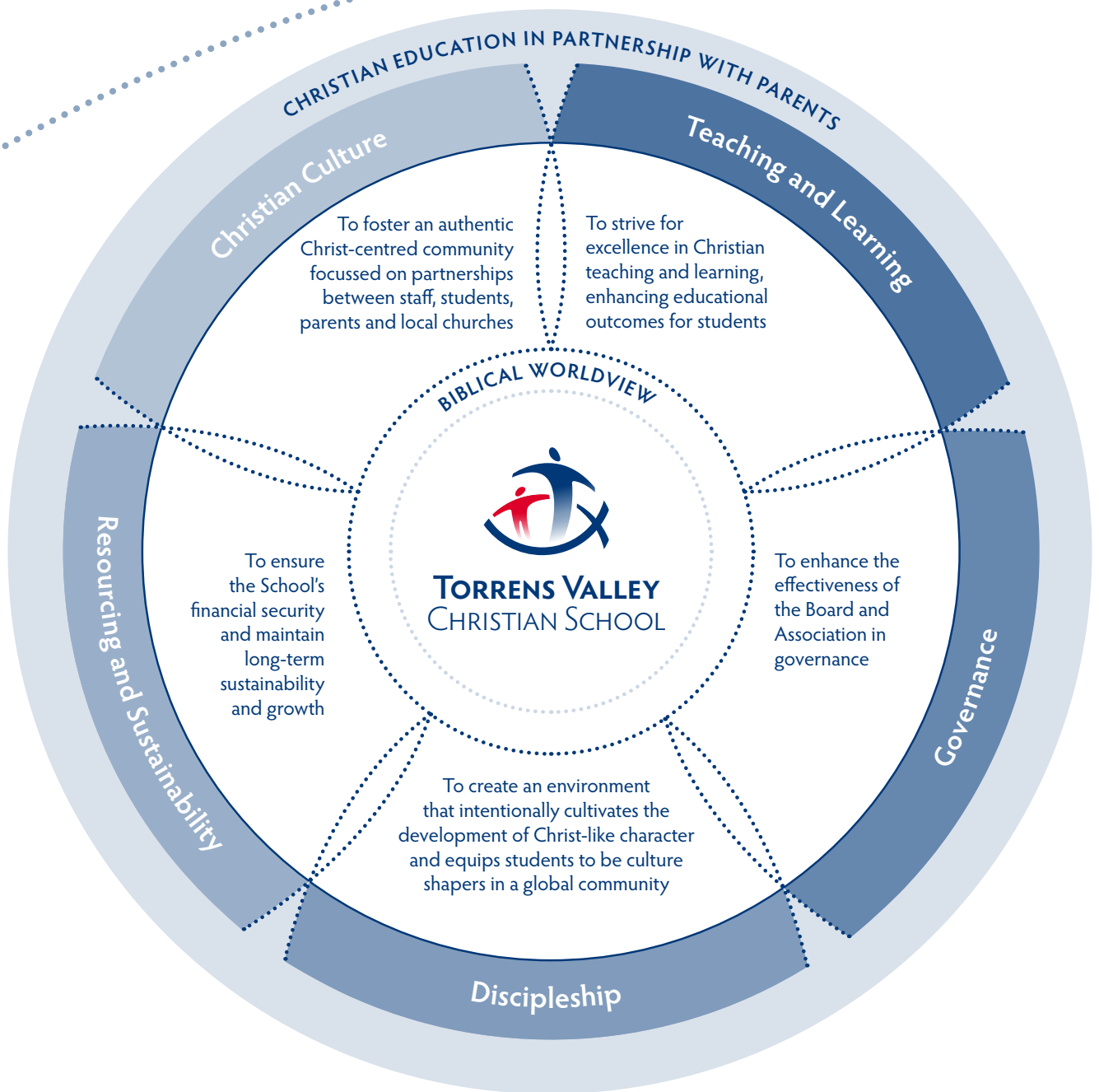
Strategic Goals

Christian Culture To foster an authentic Christ-centred community focussed on partnerships between staff, students, parents and local churches

Teaching and Learning To strive for excellence in Christian teaching and learning, enhancing educational outcomes for students

Discipleship To create an environment that intentionally cultivates the development of Christ-like character and equips students to be culture shapers in a global community

Resourcing and Sustainability To ensure the School's financial security and long-term sustainability and growth

Governance To enhance the effectiveness of the Board and Association in governance

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

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BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

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Our Priority Initiatives

To achieve this we will:

- Prepare and support students to live an active Christian life
- Authentically and consistently demonstrate our Christian ethos
- Maintain and strengthen partnerships between staff, students, parents and local churches
- Ensure prayer, worship and the teaching of God's Word are embedded in all areas of school life
- Actively encourage parents to develop a deeper understanding of biblical worldview

Teaching and Learning To strive for excellence in Christian teaching and learning, enhancing educational outcomes for students

Our Priority Initiatives

To achieve this we will:

- Develop a process for professional learning, development and accountability for all staff
- Implement a curriculum which meets the learning needs of all students
- Embed a biblical framework in all teaching and learning
- Pursue best practice in the delivery of learning programs
- Ensure that the digital and technological capacity of all students is developed utilising innovative pedagogies and current technologies
- Ensure the clear reporting of student progress reflecting contemporary best practice

Governance To enhance the effectiveness of the Board and Association in governance

Our Priority Initiatives

To achieve this we will:
- Strengthen the understanding of biblical worldview amongst our parent community
- Ensure appropriate systems are in place to manage risk
- Actively promote the Association to ensure the Christian foundations of the school are strengthened and maintained
- Monitor strategic directions for school improvement, with a clear focus on improving outcomes for students
- Strive towards best practice in the exercise of governance
- Ensure the school meets government expectations for continued registration
- Evaluate implementation of the Strategic Plan by undertaking a community survey of staff, parents and students

Discipleship To create an environment that intentionally cultivates the development of Christ-like character and equips students to be culture shapers in a global community

Our Priority Initiatives

To achieve this we will:

- Ensure that all staff employed by the school are modelling an active walk of faith in Christ and are positive role models for students
- Equip students for leadership within the school and global community
- Initiate processes and programs that foster student well-being
- Seek opportunities to disciple students through involvement in mission and service

Resourcing and Sustainability
To ensure the school's financial security and establish long-term sustainability and growth.

Our Priority Initiatives

To achieve this we will:
- Develop a long term financial plan and Master Plan
- Identify future market trends and opportunities
- Market to the target audience
- Actively plan for full enrolment and the maintenance of waiting lists
- Continue debt management
- Generate a third income stream from outside sources