



## Statement of Faith

**Based on our traditional Biblical understanding:**

### **BIBLE**

We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments in their original writing as being fully inspired by God. As interpreted by the Governing Body of Richards Bay Christian School, we accept them as the supreme and final authority for faith, life, and the governance of Richards Bay Christian School and they, therefore, are incorporated as part of our Constitution. We, therefore, hold to and apply a holistic Biblical worldview.

### **GOD**

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **JESUS CHRIST**

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.

### **MAN, SIN & DEATH**

We believe that God created man in His own image; that man sinned and thereby incurred the penalty of sin, which is both physical and spiritual death; that all human beings inherit a sinful nature that results in actual transgression in those who reach moral responsibility, and involves personal guilt.

### **FORGIVENESS**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins as a substitutionary sacrifice, according to the Scriptures, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood.

### **NEW LIFE**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus, His ascension into heaven, and His present life as our High Priest and Advocate.

### **VICTORIOUS RETURN**

We believe in the personal bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **SALVATION**

We believe that all who repent of their sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again of the Holy Spirit and thereby become children of God, and that Jesus Christ is the only Way to eternal salvation.

## **HOLY SPIRIT**

We believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit, empowering and equipping believers for service, with the accompanying supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit, and in fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

## **MINISTRY**

We believe in the divinely ordained ministries of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher.

## **FOREVER**

We believe in the resurrection of both the just and the unjust, the eternal blessedness of the redeemed and the eternal banishment of those who have rejected the offer of salvation.

## **CHURCH**

We believe that the one true Church is the whole company of those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ and regenerated by the Holy Spirit, and that the local church on Earth is a key element to daily Christian community life.

## **BAPTISM AND COMMUNION**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ appointed two ordinances – Baptism in water and the Lord's Supper – to be observed as acts of obedience and as perpetual witnesses to the cardinal facts of the Christian faith. We believe that Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water as a confession of identification with Christ in burial and resurrection, and that the Lord's Supper is the partaking of the emblems symbolic of the Saviour's crucified body and shed blood, in remembrance of His sacrificial death, until He comes again.

## **HEALING**

We believe that divine healing was provided for in Scripture and is an integral part of the Gospel.

## **HOLINESS**

We believe the Bible teaches that without holiness no man can see the Lord.

## **CHRIST-LIKENESS**

We believe in the doctrine of sanctification as a definite, yet progressive work of grace, commencing at the time of the new birth and continuing until the consummation of salvation.

## **RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

We subscribe to the South African Charter of Religious Rights and Freedoms, which is deemed to be incorporated herein in its present form (October 2013).

Furthermore, we exercise our constitutional right (Section 29 (3) read with sections 15, 18 and 31) to establish and maintain a faith-based independent school, in our instance of the Christian faith.

**STUDENT'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARENT/S SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**