



POLICY ON DIFFERENT FAITH PERSPECTIVES

Northwest Christian School is by its Constitution fundamentally Christian. It exists to support families who choose to give their children an education based on a Christian Worldview and moral convictions expressed in the School's 'Statement of Faith'. The Bible is always taken as the inerrant Word of God and is used as our point of departure. The Christian ethos and environment permeates all parts of the school.

Being an independent school, we determine our distinctive missions, including our ethos, faith and philosophy values. This is in accordance with the "Guidelines on the Rights & Responsibilities of Independent Schools".

NWCS welcomes learners from families who do not hold the belief included under the Statement of Faith under the clear understanding that:

- Every learner will be taught all aspects of the school curriculum including the beliefs outlined in the School's "Statement of Faith."
- All learners are expected to attend and participate in Bible Education classes, assemblies, praise time and Christian celebrations.

No learner of a different faith may:

- Bring their faith into discussion in the school situation.
- Include any visible religious attire or symbolic items of festivals and celebrations while they are at school or representing NWCS in their school uniform.
- Attempt to convert anyone to a different faith within the confines of the School, with or without the help of their parents.

No learner or parent of a different faith may:

- Attempt to alter the ethos or Christian Worldview of the school.
- Attempt to undermine the teachings of NWCS.

A learner of different faith may:

- express a different opinion while answering **written** questions
- be encouraged to substantiate his/her differing opinions and will not be penalised for expressing different opinions in **written** answers.
- May also discuss different opinions with the teacher, **privately**, after the lesson.

In class, a discussion on faith-based issues may only take place at the teacher's discretion.

The school's Statement of Faith should be kept in mind in all situations.