

# Missions Policy

## Vision Statement:

The purpose of Pacific Hills Christian School is to provide a Christian educational community as a centre of teaching and learning excellence founded on Biblically based beliefs, values and behaviour.

## Rationale:

This policy is a part of the School's life, in order to help achieve the following Mission Goals:

### *In Personal Christian Life*

Goals b), c), and e). These relate to knowing God in all endeavours, to live under the authority of His Word, to bring students into reconciled relationship with Him through Christ. Goal (b) strongly relates to this policy because it highlights students learning to live worshipfully under God. Goal (e) in particular relates to this policy, as it describes working in partnership with others in the Body of Christ (beyond the staff of the community) to these ends.

### *In the Process of Christian Education*

Goals b), and c). These relate to equipping our student's to understand God's perspective in all areas of learning and achieving their God-given potential in this process. Goal (c), relating to individual potential, can be viewed as one that will be enhanced by the this policy.

### *In Christian Community Life*

Goals b), c), e), f) and g). These relate to our relationships at all levels of our School being explicitly taught and practiced as just, fair, merciful, respectful and service-oriented, in a spirit of unity. This policy provides for opportunity to enhance students' experience of Christian community life. Goal (b), outlining the need to be compassionate and merciful as God is to us, can be seen as a key rationale for this policy

### *In striving for excellence*

Goals a) and c). These relate to people using and developing their gifts appropriately.

## Policy Statement:

The purpose of regularly providing missions opportunities for students, staff, and parents within Australia and overseas is to encourage each community member to use whatever gift God has given to him/her, in order to serve others faithfully, in God's grace.

## Related Policies:

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

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| *Pastoral Care  | * Excellence                            | * Values            |
| * Bullying (Anti)   | * Child Protection                      | * Critical Event    |
| * Discipline  | * Drugs (Anti)                          | * Sexual Harassment |
| * Camps   | * Teaching and Learning (to be written) |                     |
| * Student Welfare (to be reviewed as possibly redundant in the light of the pastoral care policy) |   |                     |
| * Volunteers  |   |                     |

## Principles:

- Missions are to be viewed as integral support to the main teaching and learning program of the School.
- Missions are to be understood as any program where Christians reach out to others in compassion, in response to God's grace in their lives. Missions are therefore voluntary.

- Missions are distinct from excursions and travel tours in that they do not have as their primary focus Christian service.
- Missions are also distinct from, but may overlap with, Community Service programs, which have as their focus responsible citizenship as defined by the principles of altruism and world awareness (C.f. Middle Years Program of the I.B.).
- Financially, missions are to be supported voluntarily through donations, fundraising, personal savings, and the like.

**Procedures:**

These are to be found in the procedure section of the relevant related policy areas.