The John Wycliffe Christian Education Association Ltd

What is the John Wycliffe Christian Education Association?

The school's association is a body of parents who are deeply committed to the vision of Wycliffe Christian School as a community that offers robust and transformative education founded on the Christian view of life and learning. From the association, our board is elected who oversee the governance of the school. The association meets each year at our AGM to elect the board, discuss the vision of the school, and vote on other important matters. Additionally, we hold association information evenings throughout the year. Being a member of the association means a commitment and desire to seeing our school flourish for ***all*** children and families, firmly founded on God's truth revealed in the Bible.

Who can join the association?

It is important for the future of our school that our association is made up of parents who are deeply committed to a vision for our school embedded in the ways of Jesus. Therefore, association members are required to be committed members of a church family and profess a personal faith in Jesus. Additionally, association members must agree to the school's statement of faith which is attached to the association application forms. In thinking through this decision, you might ask the following questions:

1. Do I trust that Jesus Christ is Lord of all of life and that his ways should shape the education of our children?
2. Am I committed to seeing this school thrive as a community where education is shaped by Jesus' teaching?
3. Would I like to play a part in speaking into the future direction and shape of our school community?

How do I join the association?

Applying to join the association involves the following process:

1. Complete the association application forms (these are attached to this email or can be acquired by emailing companysecretary@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au)

2. Return these application forms to companysecretary@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au

3. You will be invited to participate in an interview with two board members who will explain what the association is about and confirm your commitment to the school's vision

4. You will be contacted to discuss the approval of your application or otherwise

The Board
The John Wycliffe Christian Education Association Ltd.

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Membership Application

All Applicants will be contacted to arrange an interview with current Board members.
All Applicants are expected to be committed members of a church family who profess a personal faith in Jesus Christ, as consistent with the vision of the school.

	Applicant 1	Applicant 2
Name(s):		
Address:		
		Postcode:
Phone (H):		
Phone (M):		
e-mail:		
Occupation:		
Church:		

Child's Name	DOB	Current Grade
		Yr
		Yr
		Yr
		Yr
		Yr
		Yr

Outline your reasons for wishing to join the John Wycliffe Christian Education Association? If you do not have children at the school, describe your connection.

DECLARATION

I/We hereby make this application to join The John Wycliffe Christian Education Association Ltd. I/We declare that we affirm the Statement of Faith (outlined at the end of these forms).

Name	Sign (Type Name)	Date
Name	Sign (Type Name)	Date

REFEREE (MINISTER/PASTOR):

This referee will be contacted to confirm church commitment

Pastor's Name:

Pastor's contact phone number:

Pastor's contact email address:

INTERVIEW (Board use only)

Interviewer/nominator 1	Sign	Date
Interviewer/nominator 2	Sign	Date

☐ **Interview Notes attached.**

Please return to:

companysecretary@wycliffe.nsw.edu.au

OR

The Company Secretary
The John Wycliffe Christian Education Association
Ltd PO Box 78
Blaxland, NSW 2774 or

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Statement of Faith

Preamble	**This Statement of Faith outlines what we believe as we engage in the task of Christian education. This is the faith on which the School was founded. This is who we are; this is what we promote, practise and teach. It also informs the School culture that we seek to maintain for the well-being of all students.** *We recognise that our student and parent community includes a variety of faith beliefs and backgrounds. All are welcome in the School. Nevertheless, it is important when joining the School community, that families understand what the School promotes, practises and teaches.*
The School's Reformed Theological Foundation	The School is not subject to the requirements of any denomination or organisation. From its beginnings, the School has been committed to a Reformed theological perspective, which was the faith and worldview of the founders of the School. This perspective is aligned with mainstream Christian faith in affirming creeds of the Early Church,[1] but more specifically is reflected in the widely adopted historic expressions of the Reformed faith.[2]
God	There is one God and He is sovereign and eternal. He is revealed in the Bible as three equal divine Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God depends on nothing and no one; everything and everyone depends on Him. God is holy, just, merciful, kind, wise, loving and good. God created all things, visible and invisible, from His own sovereign will and, by His Word, they are sustained.[3] The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternally existing, only begotten Son of the Father. He is the Creator and Sustainer of all things. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, truly God and truly human. He lived a sinless life and died for our sins. He was buried, rose from the dead in bodily form and ascended into heaven. Jesus is King of the universe and Head of the Church - His people whom He has redeemed. He will return to gather His people to Himself, to judge all people and bring in the consummation of God's Kingdom.[4] The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. He convicts people of their sin, leads them to repentance, creates faith within them and regenerates them. He is the source of their new, sanctified life bringing forth His fruit in the lives of believers. He gifts believers according to His sovereign will, enabling them to serve God.[5]

[1] The Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Chalcedonian Definition
[2] ~~The Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg~~ Catechism and the Canons of Dort, the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Thirty-Nine Articles

[3] Gen. 1, Deut. 6:4, Matt. 28:19, Mark 12:29, John 14:8–18, Col. 1:15–20.
[4] Isa. 53, John 1:1–14, Luke 1 & 2, Acts 1: 1–11, 1 Cor. 15:3 – 5, 1 Cor. 15:24–26, Col. 1:15–20, Heb. 1:1–4, Rev. 20:11–21:8.
[5] 2 Cor. 3:7–18, John 14:16– 18, John 15:26, 1 Cor. 12:3, Titus 3:3– 8

Scripture	The Bible, also known as the Holy Scriptures, is the divinely inspired, authoritative, infallible written Word of God. The Bible is necessary and sufficient for humanity's knowledge of God, of themselves and the rest of creation, including education.[6] Scripture is the Word of God and has the final authority as the only ultimate source of appeal in matters of faith and practice (Scripture alone). However important church traditions might be, they are insufficient and must submit to and be reformed by the Scripture.
Humanity	[The Bible teaches] In the beginning, God created humanity, both male and female, in His own image and pronounced creation "good." As God's image-bearers, humans were created to live in relationship with their Creator, to love, serve, worship and enjoy Him forever as they faithfully exercise stewardship and oversight of the creation, under God, through managing, caring for and enjoying God's creation.[7] All of human life is grounded in faith commitments. It is unwrapped either as service of God or of a substitute for God. Sin alienates humanity from God and each other, and the echoes of these fractured relationships impact every sphere of life, including creation itself. All have sinned, have fallen short of the standards of God, and are under God's judgement. God holds each person responsible and accountable for choices made and commitments pursued. Human responsibility and accountability do not limit God's sovereignty and God's sovereignty does not diminish human responsibility and accountability. Salvation from the penalty of sin can only be found through the Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance from sin and reliance on Jesus' substitutionary death and resurrection are the means by which humans may access God's redemptive kindness. In Christ, humanity is being restored to a place of honour in which humanity participates by grace in the present reality of God's kingdom, even as they await this kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.
Salvation	God's people are saved by His grace alone, not by works which they have done. This is a gift from God. In Christ alone, God's children are justified before Him and are clothed in His righteousness.[8] Salvation is by God's grace alone (not our merits), through faith in Christ alone (not in our good works, nor any other mediators between God and humans) and to the glory of God alone. God, in his wisdom and grace, does not intend merely to save individuals, but also to renew the whole world, therefore every thought must be taken captive for Christ. The School discourages culture-denying escapism and encourages Christians to engage at every level with the society around them. This shapes the School's attitude to culture, creation and ecology, science and technology, medical ethics, communications and social media, politics and government.

[6] Deut. 10:12–13, 2 Tim. 3:16–17, 2 Peter 1:19–21
[7] Gen. 1:27–28, Gen. 2:15, Gen. 3:16–20, Matt. 19:4–6
[8] Rom. 1:18–20, Rom. 3:22–24, Rom. 6:23, Rom. 12, Eph. 2:8-9

A Christian	A Christian is someone who responds to God's grace, accepts God's call to acknowledge and follows Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. God is at work in the lives of His people to renew them in his image and to restore them to fellowship with Himself through His Word and His Spirit. Christians seek to live authentic, biblically-grounded lives in community with other believers including but not limited to active and regular participation in their local church, dependent on the Holy Spirit, and across all spheres of life, including education.[9] Followers of Jesus are children of God. They are adopted in as heirs of the kingdom, beloved by the God of the universe and invited to share in the glory and life of Jesus as they are united to Him through the Spirit.
Christian Schooling	Christian schools partner with families in teaching children that the world and everything in it belong to God. Christian schools weave this understanding all through their curricula, in their everyday practices and as a natural expression of their school's culture.[10] God wants His people to protect and nurture every person as an individual who has dignity and worth from even before they are born. He wants His people to work for justice in every aspect of society and to protect and care for His creation. He wants His people to love others as He loves them, particularly those who are vulnerable. This is God's world and Jesus Christ is at the very heart of all things. Jesus is the ruler and King of everything humans do. He is Lord in the school, in the home, and in the lives and hearts of His people. Everything can be an act of worship to Him, as people present themselves as "living sacrifices" before Him.

[9] John 14:16–18, John 15:26, Rom. 6:23, Rom. 12, Titus 3:3–8, 1 Peter 2:21
[10] Deut. 6:6–7, Deut. 10:14, Ps. 24:1, Eph. 6:4