

## ***Beliefs about learning in the Christian School***

1. Learning must be *relevant* to the lives and needs of the students, and must build upon prior knowledge.
2. Learning experiences must include *activity-based learning*. This means that students will undertake a variety of *multi-sensory* learning opportunities and not be subjected to long teacher sermonettes. Examples of active learning experiences include research, projects, games, discussions, student presentations, group work, creative arts and technology.
3. The world is constantly changing. *Therefore* we will provide opportunities to help students understand that the present is affected by the past and both affect the future.
4. We live in a world of diverse cultures. *Therefore* we will develop student understanding of diverse cultures and languages showing that God is not ethnocentric and has no favourites.
5. Assessment should be ongoing and diagnostic. *Therefore* we will provide a variety of different assessment tools and not rely solely on written tests and exams.
6. The use of community resources is essential for effective instruction. *Therefore* we will use the rich history and ethnic diversity of our community, including our churches, so that no classroom is an island.
7. Students will engage in missions outreach and service within the local community as well as on campus.
8. All the staff will keep current with contemporary research and implement the initiatives that are consistent with our Christian worldview.
9. Where students sense that they are liked by the teacher their motivation to learn is significantly higher. *Therefore* our teachers will make extra ordinary efforts to be a friend to their students, praying for them and ministering the love of Jesus without favouritism.
10. Students are best nourished when drinking from a running stream rather than from a stagnant pool. *Therefore* as all learning has a spiritual component, teachers will keep a fresh vibrant and intimate relationship with God so that spirit-to-spirit education is a part of every lesson.