



## Vision and Mission 1995

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### 1. Background

Oxley Christian College was founded by Life Ministry Centre as a ministry expression of the church. It opened in Warranwood in 1979 with 89 students in Preparatory to Year 8. The College was relocated in 1983 to its present site on 30 hectares at Chirnside Park. Year 12 commenced in 1982.

Pastor H.K. Oxley, the founding Senior Minister stated in 1983 “Our aim is to produce a sound, academically trained person with a Christian foundation specifically in regard to standards, behaviour and absolutes; in short, a balanced, stable, mature and useful citizen of our community.”

The school conducted a major review of its Vision, Mission and School Aims in 1995 and the following set of Vision and Mission Statements was adopted.

### 2. Vision Statement

As a co-educational, multi-denominational Christian school, Oxley will provide Christ-centred education which has its foundations in Biblical truth. It will offer excellent educational opportunities from Pre-School to Year 12 through an academically sound, balanced and stimulating curriculum. The spiritual life of the College will nurture students towards maturity in Christ.

### 3. Curriculum

The curriculum will...

- have its foundations in Biblical teaching, values and attitudes
- be a living document which responds to the changing needs of the world beyond school while valuing the heritage of the past
- maintain breadth and depth of curriculum offerings
- develop academic rigour and thinking skills

- have a whole school approach to scope and sequence of curriculum offerings
- continue co-operative and participative educational practices
- consider the learning needs of individual students, including those with learning difficulties, special needs and special gifts
- have a coherent whole school computer policy
- have a personal development program which fosters personal and social competencies of each student
- be enhanced by the co-curricular program, which includes outdoor education

#### **4. Enrolments**

Oxley will...

- welcome students and families who are willing to embrace the Christian ethos and aims of the College
- attract students from diverse cultures and backgrounds, including the international students
- have an effective marketing plan which maintains appropriate enrolment numbers.

#### **5. College Council**

The Council will...

- be appointed by and accountable to the Directors and Elders of Life Ministry Centre Ltd
- be involved with the development of a long-term vision and strategic plan and be committed to a process of review
- ensure that the College is a soundly managed enterprise with sufficient resources to carry out its mission
- be actively concerned for the wellbeing of staff and supportive of their professional development.

#### **6. Staff**

The Staff will...

- demonstrate a dynamic Christian faith and view their positions as a calling and ministry
- uphold the College ethos and aims as expressed in its Mission Statement, Policies and Statement of Faith
- demonstrate a unity of purpose and loyalty to one another
- be committed to excellence in all aspects of school life
- contribute to sound collaboration and value collegial recognition and support
- keep abreast of latest developments and directions in their field
- undertake ongoing professional development

#### **7. Student Body**

The Student Body will...

- participate in the spiritual life of the school
- demonstrate Christian values and attitudes
- be self-disciplined, industrious and respectful of people and property
- have a strong sense of school spirit

## 8. **The Oxley Community**

The Oxley Community will...

- be characterised by Christian beliefs, attitudes and values
- be a family school catering for the educational needs of students from early childhood to entrance into tertiary studies and/or career
- encourage and work closely with an active and supportive Parents' Association
- value and support the activities of its Old Collegian Association
- continue to foster warm relations with local authorities, organisations, businesses, churches and residents.

## 9. **Facilities**

The College will...

- have a Master Plan for the development of the environment and facilities
- periodically review the facilities and ensure that the Master Plan is up-dated to respond to changing needs
- ensure that facilities are well maintained and in accordance with safety requirements
- provide an environment and facilities which support the College Mission.

### **OXLEY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MISSION STATEMENT**

Oxley Christian College is a Christian school committed to excellence of teaching and learning through which students develop their unique abilities in a secure yet stimulating environment. Each student is nurtured towards a personal faith in Christ, an understanding of Christian values and a commitment to serve God and His world.