



Vision and Mission

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1. Background

Oxley Christian College was founded by Life Ministry Church as an expression of its ministry to the wider Christian community. 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, said that, "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 College conducted a major review of its Vision, Mission and School Aims in 1995 and the following Vision, Mission and Organisational Statements were adopted, but have since been updated in 2018.

2. College Vision

As a co-educational, multi-denominational Christian school, Oxley seeks to provide Christ-centred education which has its foundations in Biblical truth. It offers excellent educational opportunities from Prep to Year 12 through an academically sound, balanced and stimulating curriculum. The spiritual life of the College nurtures students towards taking delight in God and maturity in Christ.

In recent times the College vision has become more succinct and inwardly focussed so that it allows staff to carefully attend to educational goals and outcomes.

The College Vision is: To delight in God's love through inspired learning.

3. Curriculum

In order to fulfil its vision and mission, the College curriculum will...

- have its foundations in Biblical teaching, values and attitudes
- be a living document which responds with a Christian narrative for the changing needs of the world beyond school while valuing the heritage of the past
- maintain breadth and depth of curriculum offerings
- develop an academic inquiry and rigour, and promote visible 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 and ICT policy
- have a personal development program which fosters personal and social competencies of each student
- be enhanced by a broad co-curricular program

4. Enrolments

Oxley will...

- welcome students and families who are willing to embrace the Christian beliefs, ethos and aims of the College
- maintain a Christian program that is attractive to students from different local and international backgrounds
- have an effective marketing plan which maintains appropriate enrolments from families seeking a Christian schooling

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 by God and a Christian ministry
- uphold the College beliefs, 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 College life
- contribute to sound collaboration and value collegial recognition and support
- keep abreast of latest developments and directions in their educational area
- undertake ongoing professional development

7. Student Body

The Student Body will...

- participate in the spiritual life of the College
- demonstrate Christian character, values and attitudes
- be self-disciplined, industrious and respectful of people and property
- develop and maintain 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

10. Mission Statement

Oxley Christian College is committed to excellence of teaching and learning through which students develop their unique abilities in a secure and 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.

Therefore, the College Mission is: To provide an education for excellence within a Biblical Christian worldview.