



## Totara College Spiritual Foundations Document

From the integration deed:

*The school was founded on the intent to support parents and caregivers in their role of raising children in the ways of God.*

*A Christian School established by and for parents choosing a God-centered education for their children*

### Scriptural Foundations

#### **Deuteronomy 6:5-9** (Voice)

You should love Him, your True God, with all your heart and soul, with every ounce of your strength. Make the things I'm commanding you today part of who you are. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you're sitting together in your home and when you're walking together down the road. Make them the last thing you talk about before you go to bed and the first thing you talk about the next morning. Do whatever it takes to remember them: tie a reminder on your hand and bind a reminder on your forehead where you'll see it all the time, such as on the doorpost where you cross the threshold or on the city gate.

#### **Psalms 78:1-4** (Voice)

O my people, listen to me!

Hear my instruction; soak up every word of what I am about to tell you.

I will open my mouth in parables;

I will speak of ancient mysteries—

Things that we have heard about, things that we have known,  
things which our ancestors declared to us again and again.

We will not keep these things secret from their children;

rather, we will tell the coming generation

All about the praise that is due to the Eternal One.

We will tell them all about His strength, power, and wonders.

Proverbs 22:6 (Voice) Teach a child how to follow the right way;

even when he is old, he will stay on course.

#### **Ephesians 6:2-4** (Voice)

Now to you, children, obey your parents in the Lord because this is right in God's eyes. This is the first commandment onto which He added a promise: "Honor your father and your mother, and if you do, you will live long and well in this land."

And, fathers, do not drive your children mad, but nurture them in the discipline and teaching that come from the Lord.

#### **2 Timothy 3:14-17** (Voice)

So surely you ought to stick to what you know is certain. All you have learned comes from people you know and trust because since childhood you have known the holy Scriptures, which enable you to be wise and lead to salvation through faith in Jesus the Anointed. All of Scripture is God-breathed; in its inspired voice, we hear useful

teaching, rebuke, correction, instruction, and training for a life that is right so that God's people may be up to the task ahead and have all they need to accomplish every good work.

### **2 Timothy 4:2-5** (Voice)

And now I bring you this charge before God and Jesus the Anointed, the one destined to judge the living and the dead, at His glorious appearance and His kingdom: go out and preach the word! Go whether it's an opportune time or not! Reprove, warn, and encourage; but do so with all the patience and instruction needed to fulfill your calling because a time will come when some will no longer tolerate sound teaching. Instead, they will live by their own desires; they'll scratch their itching ears by surrounding themselves with teachers who approve of their lifestyles and tell them what they want to hear. They will turn away from the real truth you have to offer because they prefer the sound of fables and myths. But you must stay focused and be alert at all times. Tolerate suffering. Accomplish the good work of an evangelist, and complete the ministry to which you have been called.

## School Identity Statements

**Motto:** *"Press Towards The Mark"*

**Philippians 3:14** (KJV) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

### **Hebrews 12:1-2** (Voice)

So, since we stand surrounded by all those who have gone before, an enormous cloud of witnesses, let us drop every extra weight, every sin that clings to us and slackens our pace, and let us run with endurance the long race set before us. Now stay focused on Jesus, who designed and perfected our faith. He endured the cross and ignored the shame of that death because He focused on the joy that was set before Him; and now He is seated beside God on the throne, a place of honour.

**Vision:** Reaching our God given potential: spiritually, academically, socially and physically.

### **Mission Statement:**

Totara College provides Biblically based, Christian education to assist parents in their God-given task to bring up their children in the "training and instruction of the Lord" so that they may, "serve and love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

Deuteronomy 6:5 Ephesians 6:4

## The Special Character of the School

Is determined by the faith systems made of the Christian beliefs, values and lifestyles of the Dannevirke Christian Fellowship as determined from time to time by

the Trustees of the Dannevirke Christian Fellowship Charitable Trust. (18.3  
Integration Deed)

Namely: (18.4 Integration Deed)

- God is Creator of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible, sustaining and ruling over creation, including man.
- God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge.
- God the Father, Jesus His Son and the Holy Spirit are relevant to every area of study and endeavor in the college.

**The college reflects this by:** (18.5 Integration Deed)

- Using the Bible as the basis for exploring God's world and as a standard against which to compare and interpret all curriculum materials.
- Teaching Christian values and behaviour through the process of acknowledgement of sin, repentance, and acceptance of Jesus' gift of grace.
- Using prayer as a key tool in learning, inviting the Holy Spirit into every learning situation.
- Encouraging each child to give their best because God creates and equips each person for their unique role in His service and acknowledging achievement in accordance with the child's effort.
- Inextricably integrating knowledge and understanding with Christian beliefs by providing a balanced and comprehensive range of learning strategies, based upon appropriate Christian curriculum and proven educational programmes.
- Acting as a continuum and extension of the teaching provided in the Christian home.
- Providing an environment where children, parents and teachers can experience Godly relationships, showing the character of Christ in love, discipline, respect, honour and trust, and witness an exemplary demonstration of Biblical truths in the lives of others.
- Providing staff who are suitable role models for the qualities it seeks to engender in the students.
- Students feel valued and safe in every area of the school. We are non-judgmental, friendly and loving.

I have read and agree to support the above statements in partial fulfilment of the requirements for general preference.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_