

# Amana Christian Early Learning Centre

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## Philosophy Statement

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### **Amana Christian Early Learning Centre Philosophy 2018.**

**With Love, Honour and Service, we are Preparing Children for Eternity.  
Our philosophy encompasses the concepts of hospitality/manaakitanga.**

1. The teachings of Jesus Christ are at the foundation of our teaching practice and decision making and is reflected in our policies and procedures.
2. We aim to provide an environment that reflects the love of Jesus Christ, Christian Values and promotes faith as a learning outcome in all that we do with children/tamariki and families/whānau at Amana Christian Early Learning Centre.
3. Children of all cultural backgrounds have a safe and loving environment.
4. We believe in the unique place of Maori as the people of the country/Tangata Whenua; we are committed to honouring The Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi. We advocate for equal and equitable learning experiences for children/tamariki by including language/Te reo, proper methods/tikanga, Maori pedagogy and the Maori world/Te ao Maori in a natural and meaningful way.
5. We provide teaching experiences that include children with different learning abilities, unique talents and interests.
6. We value play as a pedagogy; children learn through meaningful and fun play.
7. We believe that forming reciprocal relationships with children, their families/whanau and the community are crucial in providing for the needs of children.
8. The principles, goals and strands of the Early Childhood Curriculum (Te Whariki, April 2017), and Christian principles and teachings are interwoven in our planning and assessment for positive learning outcomes for 'God's' children.
9. Service is at the core of our Centre. Our philosophy encompasses the concepts of hospitality/manaakitanga of the visitors/manuhiri. 'And the King will say, "I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"' Matthew 25: 40.

## Mission Statement

- It is our mission for each child to know that they are loved by God.
- At Amana Christian Early Learning Centre it is our Mission to provide a loving, supportive and safe environment for children and their families.
- We are preparing Children for eternity, 'not just for school'.
- We work alongside families/whanau to achieve their goals and aspirations for their children/tamariki.

- We believe in nurturing the mind, body, soul and spirit of every child.
- We acknowledge children for their unique talents and gifts and encourage ako [learning from one another] and leaders/rangatiratanga.

## **Vision Statement**

- To provide quality Christian education for children aged 0 – 6. We give honour and praise to Jesus Christ. He honore, he Kororia ki te Ihu Karaiti.

## **Objectives**

Accepting the Taieri Christian Schools' Association Vision and Mission Statements, and on the Basis of Faith, the following are the objectives of the Early Learning Centre:

1. To provide sound Christian based childcare and education of the highest standard.
2. To recognise, support and assist parents as the primary educators.
3. To bring understanding that the work of the Christian ELC is complementary to the work of the Christian home and to encourage parents to involve themselves with the affairs of the Centre.
4. To recognise that the Centre is not a church but acts for the parents in a delegated role to care for and educate the children, having a primary responsibility to God in functions.
5. To encourage an environment for the care and development of the whole child (spiritually, physically, ethically, mentally, aesthetically, emotionally, intellectually and socially) to the full, in recognition of God's love, righteousness and compassion.
6. Through the scriptures we aim to help children know and understand God and His ways and respond to Him in obedience, love and service.
7. To help children appreciate the wonderful world of which they are a special part, so that they may develop a zest for life, learning and service that will enable them to embark on a lifetime of useful endeavour through their knowledge of God.
8. Provide facilities and support resources for early childhood education.
9. Promote Christian schooling.
10. To teach Te Whariki - The Early Childhood Curriculum in a way that incorporates Government requirements but uses The Scriptures as the resource

- of truth, to teach and instruct the pupils.
11. To fulfil the goal for human life as summarised in Luke 10:27 (NIV) to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind", and, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

## **Achieving The Objectives**

We attempt to achieve these various objectives by:

1. Teaching in a way that reflects a biblical view of life.
2. Encouraging a high standard of learning in a wide range of skills and general knowledge, while at the same time encouraging individuals in areas of special ability.
3. Promoting biblical literacy through Bible teaching and by demonstrating its application in the whole of life.
4. Sincerely endeavouring to promote Christian values by maintaining close links with parents/caregivers.
5. Equipping pupils to critically evaluate issues, ideas, and experiences in the light of a biblical view of life.
6. Fostering a healthy participation in outdoor, physical activities that develop future recreational skills, co-operation and bodily co-ordination.
7. Helping children appreciate the great diversity that exists within the human race and recognise the distinct relations, obligations and opportunities that this diversity creates.
8. Teaching such skills as required for listening, speaking, and the development of reading, writing, computation, manual and physical skills, etc; and to develop a systematic approach to the tackling of problems (individually and in groups).
9. Helping children develop personal qualities of faithfulness, integrity, self discipline and godliness in the context of their learning and interpersonal experiences at the centre.
10. Encouraging involvement in and service to the wider community.
11. Providing a caring environment marked by Christian understanding, support, encouragement and discipline.

Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

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