

*This statement expresses the essential Christian convictions of our school. It reflects the faith of all our staff and board members and will be the theological basis of our teaching:*

- We believe that there is one, true God and that God exists in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Lord. As God's only Son, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived and taught the word of God, died on the cross for the sins of humanity, was resurrected in body and spirit, and ascended into heaven.
- We believe in the need of every human being for salvation and for the continuing work of the Holy Spirit in the life of every Christian believer. We believe that salvation is a free gift of God, received when a person places their faith in Jesus Christ.
- We believe that God continues to work in history and that His kingdom will culminate in the return of Jesus Christ. Ultimately God will judge the living and the dead. As God raised Christ from the dead, so shall His followers be raised to eternal life.
- We believe that the Bible is the inspired, authoritative word of God. The scriptures reveal the nature and work of God. They serve as a guide for daily life and the final authority in matters of faith.
- We believe that the church is the body of Christ, the visible expression of His life in the world. The church is a community of believers who gather for worship, encouragement, fellowship, accountability, and mission. The participation of believers in the work of the local church is an essential part of the Christian life.
- We believe that Christian unity transcends all barriers of race, culture, gender, or denomination. Christians are called to follow Christ's teaching and example; to treat each other with love, honour and respect and strive to be God's witnesses in their homes and in the world.
- We believe that all people are created and loved by God. We believe that promoting or encouraging hatred against any individual or group is incompatible with the teachings of scripture and is unacceptable in our school (1 Corinthians 13, Galatians 5:22, Colossians 3:11).
- We believe that God is the author of all life. We believe that human life begins at conception and therefore an unborn child is a fully human person (Psalm 139:13-16; Genesis 1:28; Psalm 127:3, Psalm 139; Exodus 20:13).
- We believe that sexual intimacy is a gift of God to marriage. We believe that sexual intimacy is only morally acceptable within a marriage relationship (Matthew 5:27; Ephesians 5:31; 1 Corinthians 6:16-20; 1 Corinthians 7:2).
- We believe that God's design for marriage is a union between one man and one woman. We also believe that marriage is ordained by God as an exclusively heterosexual institution (Mark 10: 7-9; Romans 1:27; Ephesians 5:31).
- We believe that God created humans – male and female – in His own image. We believe that gender and sex are the same, determined before birth (Genesis 1:27; Genesis 5:2).
- The family is a beautiful institution that God has created. It is our goal at Oakville Christian School to partner with our parents in the education of their children.

I understand and will support Oakville Christian School in its effort to uphold and teach these Biblical principles.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_