CORE VALUES

The following core values have been developed by the Dubbo Christian School Parent Association and Board in order to express those things that are most important to DCS, which form a foundation for all things that happen at DCS.

Parents, students, staff and other supporters make up the immediate school community, in addition to other Christian schools and organisations, alumni, grandparents and the community at large - from local to international - creating the wider school community.

The Dubbo Christian School community maintains a commitment to:

HONOURING GOD

God is the loving creator of the world and all that is in it. He created all things with plan and purpose.

*Acknowledgement of Creator God’s sovereignty and control over our lives and our school.
*Honouring God in thought, word and deed.
*Working out and pursuing God’s purposes for DCS for His glory.

THE WORTH OF EACH PERSON

We are all unique individuals, created in God’s image and precious to Him.

*Acknowledgement of the unique individual.
*Accepting each individual as someone who is to be loved and nurtured.
*The uniqueness of each person.
*Each person’s potential to contribute to DCS according to their role in the community.

RIGHTEOUS LIVING AND ACTION

Our behaviour in the Christian school community is based on Jesus’ example of obedience as He submitted to His Father’s will.

*Acknowledgement of obedience.
*Submitting to authority.
*Responsibility for choices, actions and their consequences.
*Understanding and respecting boundaries.
*The development and exercise of patience, forgiveness and self-control.
PRAYER

Prayer is an expression of our relationship with God and our reliance on Him.

*We acknowledge the values of:*
- Encouraging DCS community members to be prayerful people, both individually and corporately.
- Providing leadership and structures to facilitate prayer throughout the school.

BIBLE BASED EDUCATION

The Bible provides a basis for all teaching and learning in all stages.

*We acknowledge the values of:*
- The authority of Scripture as God’s inerrant, complete Word to humanity.
- Learning, understanding and applying God’s Word.
- An integrated Christian curriculum - weaving Biblical teaching and Christian values through all areas of school life.
- A holistic view of learning and development; integrating academic, physical, emotional, moral and spiritual dimensions.

DEVELOPING CITIZENS

The Bible is relevant for preparing citizens who can take their place in the community.

*We acknowledge the values of:*
- Personal commitment to following Jesus.
- A distinctly Christian response to the world through a Christ-centred worldview.

LIVING AND SHARING THE GOSPEL

The Bible exhorts us to live Godly lives and to share with others the good news about Jesus.

*We acknowledge the values of:*
- Knowing the truth of God’s plan of salvation.
- Living in obedience to God’s Word in response to His grace and mercy.
- The freedom to share the Gospel with others.
- Proclaiming the good news clearly and at every opportunity.

FAMILY

The family is the foundational unit of society and the DCS community.

*We acknowledge the values of:*
- Belonging and contributing positively to a family.
- Supporting parents in their role as family leaders.
- Wise and Godly discipline of children.
- Supporting less fortunate families.
PARENT RESPONSIBILITY AND INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION

Parents are responsible before God for the upbringing and education of their children.

We acknowledge the values of:
• Parental involvement in schooling.
• Partnership between parents and staff for the benefit of each student and the school community.
• Trust in the professional expertise and experience of staff.
• Christian parent commitment to, and involvement in, school governance.

COMMUNITY

DCS is a learning community, centred on the truth of God's Word. Being part of the community allows us to encourage one another and contribute to each other’s lives.

We acknowledge the values of:
• A sense of identity, belonging and involvement for its members.
• Commitment and loyalty.
• Relationships based on love and honesty.
• Service to others through an attitude of “other people-centredness”.
• Being part of and contributing to the wider community.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP

Leadership in the Christian school community is based on God’s Word.

We acknowledge the values of:
• Servant leadership.
• Respect for leaders and submission to those in authority.
• Developing and training future leaders - staff, parents, students.
• Christian staff.

GOD-HONOURING STEWARDSHIP

The DCS community seeks to glorify God through the development of individual gifts and abilities, and the wise use of resources.

We acknowledge the values of:
God-honouring moral, behavioural and educational standards.
• Striving to reach our God-given potential.
• Wise management of the school, its resources and environment.
• Accessibility and affordability of our school.