

Parent-School Covenant

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Introduction

This covenant describes the nature of the relationship that is deemed to exist between the parents of an enrolled child and the CSAWD Combined Schools for the duration of the time of enrolment. The terms of this covenant can be altered by the CSAWD from year to year but cannot be altered during the course of a year of tuition

Definitions

A Year of Tuition covers the school year beginning in late January or February and running to a date in early December. The specific dates are as published in the school prospectus for that year.

Association refers to the Christian School Association (Wellington District) or CSAWD.

The Principal is the Principal of the CSAWD Combined Schools located at Wainuiomata Christian College.

Terms of Covenant

1. The CSAWD schools aim to developing a comprehensive biblical world and life view in the students. The Reformed faith as documented in the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Belgic Confession, the Heidelberg Catechism, and the Canons of Dort is the basis of all instruction and discipline at the CSAWD schools as this is understood to be the most biblically sound and comprehensive statement of biblical teaching. Parents enrol their child on the understanding that this is the essential nature of the education provided.
2. Children are admitted to the school on the understanding that they will not prove a hindrance to the Christian education provided to other students in the school. The parents are expected to support and address any concerns raised by the CSAWD staff about their child/ren in terms of behaviour, attitudes, spiritual influence or any other matter.
3. The CSAWD schools are intended to support Christian parents in fulfilling the obligations of Ephesians 6:4. An essential aspect is that the parents themselves are active and regular worshippers in a fellowship where there is spiritual oversight of the family by the leadership of the fellowship.
4. A child and family are enrolled for a full year of tuition. The CSAWD has to employ its staff for a full year and is committed to paying a salary over that period. Parents are expected to commit themselves to the financial cost of a full year of tuition. Withdrawal of a student earlier in the year must be done with the agreement of the Board or liability will remain for the balance of the year's tuition fee.
5. The non-Association family enrolls understanding that there is a controlling Association of committed Reformed parents and long-term supporters who have sacrificially supported the schools over many years. In recognition of this there may be a different scale for tuition fees and other charges for non-Association students enrolled at the school.
6. Re-enrolment of an existing student is not automatic for the following school year. The Board reserves the right to refuse re-enrolment of any student without justification or appeal. Parents will be informed of the Board decision to offer tuition the following year or not by the end of September each year. Factors involved in the Board decision will include whether the presence of the student has hindered our primary role of providing a Reformed Christian education to the Association families.
7. Non-Association members are to pay the tuition fees of the first term of the first year only **in advance** of the commencement of the school year or to make arrangements for payment acceptable to the CSAWD. Arrangements are to be made for monthly automatic payments with the Treasurer commencing within 6 weeks of the start of the commencing school year – this will be the expected manner of fee payment for subsequent years. Failure to comply may result in the immediate termination of enrolment and/or the withholding of school reports and other services the CSAWD schools may provide.

8. Any money paid to the CSAWD is non-refundable though application for a refund can be made to the Board for the consideration of special circumstances.
9. Non-Association families are expected to respect the doctrinal basis of the CSAWD Combined Schools and agree to their child being under instruction from that theological perspective. Where an unresolvable conflict arises over a point of doctrine, parents are to discreetly withdraw their child/ren from the school after consultation with the Principal.
10. Parents agree to support the school in terms of disciplinary procedures, homework requirements, as well as upholding the teaching staff before their children. Any concerns are to be addressed through the procedures outlined in the CSAWD Grievance Policy beginning with the individual teacher concerned. Parents agree to refrain from airing their concerns with other parents or third parties. Should satisfaction not be obtained, the family agrees to discreetly withdraw (with Board consent).

Parental Statement of Commitment to Covenant

In making application for my children, I am expressing my intent to have my child(ren) complete the school year at a CSAWD school or schools. Furthermore:

1. I have read and am supportive of the CSAWD Curriculum Goals and its philosophy of education, and pledge my whole-hearted support for the programmes and policies of the CSAWD as promulgated in the Prospectus. I understand that the teaching staff and administration of the school(s) will seek to lead each student into a covenant relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and will instruct children in the Scriptures and in the doctrines summarised in the four forms of unity held to by the Reformed Churches of New Zealand (Belgic Confession of Faith, Canons of Dort, Heidelberg Catechism, and the Westminster Confession of Faith).
2. I have read and accept all the terms of the Parent-School Covenant and pledge to keep my side of this covenant.
3. I and my family are regular and active worshippers in a fellowship under spiritual oversight by the leadership of that group. I understand this is a requirement for our children's continued enrolment. I enclose a signed letter from our fellowship leaders supporting our application.
4. I understand that any misrepresentation by me in respect of this enrolment application is sufficient grounds for the CSAWD to terminate the provision of tuition to my child/ren.

Signed: _____ (Father/Head of Household)

Name: _____

Address: _____

ACCEPTED BY

Signed: _____ (Principal on behalf of CSAWD)

Date: _____