

# Parent-School Covenant

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## **Introduction**

This covenant describes the nature of the relationship between the parents of an enrolled child and Hutt Valley Christian School (owned and operated by the Christian School Association of the Wellington District or **CSAWD**) 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** is a 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 of the Wellington District (CSAWD).

The **Principal** is the Principal or Head Teacher of Hutt Valley Christian School.

## **Terms of Covenant**

1. Hutt Valley Christian School aims to develop a comprehensive biblical world- and life-view in its students. The statement of faith set out in the School Prospectus is the basis of all instruction and discipline at Hutt Valley Christian School; the CSAWD believes this 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. Hutt Valley Christian School exists 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. 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 sound Christian education to the other students.
6. Parents 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 Hutt Valley Christian School provides.
7. 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.

8. Parents are expected to respect the doctrinal basis of Hutt Valley Christian School and agree to their child being under instruction from that theological perspective. Where an irresolvable conflict arises over a point of doctrine, parents are to discreetly withdraw their child(ren) from the school after consultation with the Principal.
9. 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 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***

10. In making application for my children, I am expressing my intent to have my child(ren) complete the school year at Hutt Valley Christian School.
11. 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 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 statement of faith set out in the Prospectus.
12. I have read and accept all the terms of this Parent-School Covenant and pledge to keep my side of this covenant.
13. My family and I 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.
14. 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 on behalf of parent(s)*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Father/Head of Household)

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

*Signed on behalf of CSAWD*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (Principal)

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