

CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION
(Incorporated)



1. STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION

1.1 About the Supreme Authority of the Bible

WE AFFIRM that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are God's infallible and inerrant revelation to humanity. It is thus the ultimate authority by which all things are to be judged, and the authoritative guide for all life and conduct.

1.2 About the Sovereignty of God

WE AFFIRM that there is one God and He is sovereign and eternal. He is revealed in the Bible as three equal divine Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God depends on nothing and no one; everything and everyone depends on Him. God is holy, just, wise, loving and good.

God created all things of His own sovereign will. By His Word and Spirit God rules over all. For those who trust in Him, He redeems their life in its entirety, renewing them in His image. He restores them to fellowship with himself.

God is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is also Father of all whom He has adopted as His children. God holds each person responsible and accountable for choices made and actions pursued. Human responsibility and accountability do not limit God's sovereignty. God's sovereignty does not diminish human responsibility and accountability.

1.3 About the work of the Holy Spirit

WE AFFIRM the necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting them repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1.4 About the Lordship of Christ

WE AFFIRM that Jesus Christ is from eternity God's only begotten Son; He was born of a virgin and is therefore truly God and man. Through Him God created and sustains the world. Jesus suffered and died for our sins and rose again for our salvation. He ascended into heaven where He now sits at the right hand of the God the Father making intercession for His people. Christ is the Head of the Church and will come again to judge the living and the dead and complete the salvation of His people and the Kingdom of God.

We AFFIRM the justification of the sinner by the grace of God through Christ alone

1.5 **About the task of the Christian School**

WE AFFIRM that a Christian school is a school where Christ is confessed as the Lord of Creation. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, its special task is to teach the child to understand the world from a Christ-centred perspective and to equip them for their calling in life in subjection to Jesus Christ as Lord.

WE AFFIRM that, in pursuit of their task, Christian schools only employ Christian teachers who are able to subscribe to this Statement of Affirmation.

1.6 **About the role of Government**

WE AFFIRM that all citizens owe obedience to the legally instituted governments of our nation which derive their authority from God and are responsible to Him for promoting and maintaining public security, justice and welfare.

1.7 **About the responsibility of parents**

WE AFFIRM that the responsibility for the education and guidance of children lies in the first instance with their parents or legal guardians, and the governments are duty bound to provide, without distinction and on general terms of equality, both the legal right and the opportunity for parents and guardians to choose for their children schools other than those established by public authorities that provide for the education of their children in conformity with their own convictions.

2. **MEMBERS**

2.1 The Members of the Association are any schools that were members of the Association at the time of adoption of the CSSA Constitution and any school admitted as a Member under Clause 2.2.

2.2 A school may be admitted as a Member if that school:

- (a) is a school established or registered under the *Education Act 1990* (NSW) or similar legislation in another State or Territory of Australia;
- (b) has been nominated for membership of the Association as provided by Clause **Error! Reference source not found.**;
- (c) has had its school Principal signify agreement in writing with the Statement of Affirmation;
- (d) **employs only teachers who also subscribe to a statement of faith comparable to the Statement of Affirmation;**
- (e) has been approved for membership of Association by the Committee under Clause **Error! Reference source not found.**; and
- (f) agrees to pay the Annual Membership Fee (in full) and Annual Subscription Fee (pro rata to the remainder of the year until the next annual general meeting) if admitted.