



NAME: 01.04 PURPOSE AND GOALS OF EDUCATION	VERSION
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1. The Constitution states that the purpose of Christian Education is to direct and guide the child to:
 - a. see that God is the centre of life;
 - b. commit his or her life to Jesus Christ: the Way, the Truth, the Life;
 - c. seek an understanding of wisdom and righteousness; and
 - d. perform his or her competent and responsible service to the Lord.

2. This task requires the cooperative efforts of the entire Christian community. As parents and teachers we strive to guide and direct our students to:
 - a. be aware of the "praiseworthy" deeds God has done (Psalm 78:4),
 - b. accept all of Scripture as "God-breathed" and effectual unto salvation (2 Tim. 3: 15-16),
 - c. know and to follow Christ "in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3),
 - d. "take captive every thought" critically discerning from a Biblical perspective (2 Corinthians 10:5),
 - e. strive after Biblical excellence (Colossians 3:23, 24),
 - f. love others as Christ loved us (John 13:34) (Philippians 2:1-11),
 - g. forgive others as Christ forgave us (Colossians 3:13), and
 - h. love the Lord and serve Him with heart, soul, and mind (Deuteronomy 10:10).

3. The Richmond Christian School does not exist to protect or segregate students from the world. On the contrary, our aim and hope is that Christian education will equip students with understanding and compassion for our world, and that they will see it and appreciate it as the Lord's.

4. The Richmond Christian School is a school which has high expectations for its students. We recognize excellence in academics and in all other fields of endeavour as a natural outgrowth of a personal Christian faith. At the Richmond Christian School excellence in academics, sports, fine arts, and in personal character are all emphasized.

5. Excellence is not, however, seen as an end in itself. Every aspect of school life prepares the student for a life of serving God and others in the world through a variety of vocations. Students

are prepared to perform their "competent and responsible service to the Lord" (Richmond Christian School Association Constitution).

6. Excellence is more closely related to obedience and faithfulness to God than to comparative achievement. The Richmond Christian School is committed to training students with a wide range of ability levels for a lifetime of service to Jesus Christ.