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The College Council of Scots All Saints College has adopted the following Ethos of Scots All Saints College as a policy of the College:

1. Scots All Saints College (College) is a Protestant Christian school in the evangelical reformed tradition.

2. The College is a school of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia (NSW) and upholds the beliefs, tenets, standards and practices of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia (NSW).
3. The beliefs, tenets, standards and practices of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Australia (NSW) are primarily comprised of the following:
    a. That all 66 books of the Bible, which are the infallible and inspired Word of God to humanity, are the supreme authority and standard for Christian life and mission.
    b. The "What We Believe" statement of the Presbyterian Church in Australia.1
4. The ethos of the College reflects its Christian tradition and heritage, Presbyterian ownership and the church's Mission.
5. The Constitution of the College requires the College to function from the perspective of a "Christian world view" in accordance with the beliefs, tenets and standards of the Presbyterian Church of Australia (NSW).
6. A Christian world view necessarily begins with the premises that humans are not their own but belong to God, that the earth and all God created is His image and that the chief end of humanity is to glorify God. Scots All Saints College seeks to do this through all aspects of the College's life and learning.
7. The welfare and formation of the students entrusted by their parents and carers to the College for care and education is paramount. The College has an obligation to families to strive for excellence in education, whilst upholding the historical and orthodox views of the Presbyterian Church of Australia (NSW) according to the Word of God as a foundational element of their child's education.
8. For this reason, the College Mission is to develop learners for life who grow every day in every experience with purpose and courage grounded in Christ.
9. Likewise, the College's Values take as their foundation the Bible Christian worldview:

    - *Hope* is the strong conviction that regardless of our current circumstances there is reason to trust in a positive future. (Hebrews 6:1; 1 Peter 1:3-4)

      We desire for our students to be resilient in their capacity to face challenges and be able to imagine a positive future for themselves and their world, through the support of others, and the goodness and power of God.

      The Bible resounds with the promise of God's love towards his people, and the certain and eternal hope that is available through Jesus Christ.

    - To know the *truth* is to have knowledge, understanding and beliefs which correspond to reality and to live with integrity and honesty. (John 14:6, 1 Corinthians 13:6)

      Our students pursue truth in their learning through actively engaging in their learning and in their relationships through fostering honesty and integrity. They are directed to find ultimate truth in Jesus Christ and God's word.

      God has gifted humanity with the capacity to seek truth using thought, enquiry and reason and has revealed ultimate truth through the Bible and through Jesus Christ – the way, the truth and the life.

1 What we Believe, Presbyterian Church of Australia (NSW) https://pcnsw.org.au/what-we-believe/

- *Compassion* is to actively and generously seek the good of others, irrespective of their proximity to us or their capacity to return our kindness. (Genesis1:27; Mark 10:45)

  We seek to be people devoted to the compassionate service of others, compelled by the grace and kindness God has shown towards us.

  God has shown great compassion towards his people and his world, by showing grace and forgiveness through Christ Jesus. Christian compassion seeks to continue this same grace outwards toward others, as exemplified and taught by Jesus.

- *Respect* is to acknowledge the value of each person and to treat them accordingly. (Genesis 1:27; 1 Peter 2:17; John 13:34-35)

  We seek to love each individual despite our differences, and we strive to create a community in which each person feels respected, valued and safe.

  Each human being bears the image of God and has inherent honour and value. Each person must therefore be treated with love, dignity and respect irrespective of their differences as we recognise God's image in them.

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