



## Bulkley Valley Christian School

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### **Basis and Principles for education at Bulkley Valley Christian School**

The educational effort at BVCS is rooted in a historic Reformed world and life view: Christ is Lord of all, He reveals Himself in His Word and works, He is the source of all love and grace, all glory is due to Him, and our faith in Him marks and changes our lives and enables us to be ambassadors for Him.

Our educational institution is shaped in its faith and scholarship by these central principles about good quality education.

**Education is informed by the unique authority of the Bible:** We are committed to the infallibility and inerrancy of the Scriptures. We recognize that the Holy Bible, including both the Old and New Testament, represents the whole counsel of God and is the ultimate authority for the life and practice of all believers. It instructs us on how we are to treat people and things in God's creation.

**Education belongs to the parents.** We recognize that it is God's special gift when he chooses to place children and adults in a context of a community where people love God and desire to live for Him. This covenant relationship obliges Christian parents to engage their children in education for a life of obedience to their calling in this world as image bearers of God.

**Education deals with the created reality of the world.** We believe that God is the sole source of the entire created order. He designed it well, without flaw, and perfectly able to serve its purpose of glorifying God. Our study of the things God has done and made cause us to know and love Him more.

**Education considers the effect of sin.** We believe that sin entered the world by humanity's rebellion against God, affecting every aspect of creation, including every area of human life. All parts of creation, including our minds, are caught up in the great rebellion against the Creator. Human beings are sinners by nature, alienated from God. Only through God's saving work in Jesus Christ can they experience eternal salvation through faith.

**Education focuses on God's plan of redemption.** We profess that God graciously preserves the world, holding all things in his tender embrace and bending them to his purpose. God not only saves our souls, he redeems our whole person. Through the power of the Holy Spirit He sets our thinking and emotions free from the power of sin in order for us to become useful for the work of God. Faith gives new direction to our thoughts, emotions, will, and habits.

**Education enables restoration to take place.** Becoming new persons we are called and enabled to be God's stewards who endeavour to return our physical world and our human relationships to the state and design that God intended for them. This work of restoration requires a sound understanding of all created things and of varying commonly held views and beliefs.