

# NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL REFERENCE FORM

New Hope Christian School is an independent school trading under the Pacific Group of Christian Schools ABN 11 001 832 828



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Family Name

Student's Name

Desired Level of Entry

Desired Year of Entry

## Dear Referee

This family has applied for enrolment at New Hope. Kindly complete the information requested below and return to the school. You may be assured your comments will be treated as confidential. Thank you for your assistance.

What is the nature and length of the family's association with you?

Does the family have any involvement in church?

How do you believe the character and Christian commitment of the family would fit with the ethos of New Hope?  
(Please refer to the Statement of Faith and Mission Statement on page 2)

Please provide information regarding the student/s:

Other information that may help the school to assess the educational needs of the family:

Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Dr

First name

Family name

Address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Phone

Email

Signature

Date

## Statement of Faith

We believe:

The Bible is God's Word, inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error in the original writings. It is our sole authority and absolutely binding in all matters of faith and conduct.

There is one holy God, existing eternally as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the Creator of all things visible and invisible. Jesus Christ is the Son of God who became man through conception by the Holy Spirit and virgin birth and was without sin.

The Holy Spirit convicts the world of guilt in regard to sin, righteousness and judgement.

Satan is the originator of all evil and through him sin was introduced into the world after the Fall of Adam and Eve. Man is, by nature and practice, a sinful creature and is unable, by any personal merit or works, to meet the standards of a holy God.

In love, Jesus Christ voluntarily suffered the penalty of death by crucifixion for the sin of the whole world. He was buried and arose from among the dead on the third day, thus signifying God's acceptance of His sacrifice. He is now seated at the right hand of God. By personal faith in Christ one can know the complete forgiveness of sins, be reconciled to God, become a member of the family of God and receive eternal life. Those who do not accept Jesus Christ as Saviour will be separated from God eternally.

Christ lives in every Christian's life by the Holy Spirit from the moment he is born again into God's family. The Holy Spirit guides, instructs and empowers the believer for godly living and service.

The Lord Jesus Christ will return in person to receive all believers to Himself and to set up His kingdom. At that time all believers will be united with Him eternally. Then there will be a new heaven and a new earth in which God's sovereignty will be unchallenged.

## Mission Statement

The purpose of New Hope is to provide a Christian educational community as a centre of teaching, learning and serving excellence founded on Biblically based beliefs, values and behaviour.

Therefore, we seek to pursue the following goals:

1. To create an educational environment which encourages students to learn of God and to respond to Him in love and obedience.
2. To nurture and encourage students to show Christian grace to others, to develop a balanced worldview and to accept personal responsibility for themselves and for the environment around them.
3. To be true to God's Word as revealed in the Bible and at the same time provide an education which meets Government requirements.
4. To endeavour to help each child achieve his or her God given potential, by pursuing excellence in all school programs, including spiritual, academic, cultural and physical.
5. To provide educational opportunities for all children, including those who are disadvantaged, especially those with intellectual deficits. This is to be pursued by providing opportunities for integration of students of all different abilities, including the learning disabled and talented and gifted.
6. To welcome and actively foster the involvement of parents in the Christian Education of the student throughout the student's school life.
7. To staff the School with dedicated Christians who are professionally trained in their particular discipline and who, through their lifestyle and teaching, demonstrate their faith in God and encourage each student personally to have a like faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Teachers are to be encouraged to further their own personal and professional development for their own benefit and for the benefit of the School.