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Our vision is to create a platform for the delivery of a relevant and quality independent education based on a Biblical worldview with Christian values, morals and ethics – regardless of whether students undertake study via Distance Education or Day School. This platform will combine exceptional teaching, challenging curriculum and diverse programs with twenty-first century technology and resources. The College will work in partnership with parents and students to enable learning programs based on individual choice or need.

PHILOSOPHY

Riverside Christian College is an independent Christian School. The purpose of all schools is to educate. The purpose of a Christian school is to educate from a Biblical perspective where Biblical values and principals are used to define a world view to provide a context for interpretation, interaction and analysis and to maintain that function in cooperation with the church and the family. This involves instruction, training and discipleship.

Education should encompass a variety of domains - spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, physical, and aesthetic and demonstrate an understanding that all these domains interrelate and do not exist in isolation to each other. This understanding has a direct impact on the presentation and provision of teaching and learning opportunities. Further, it is recognized that individuals do not exist in isolation to each other; each is important to the Body and their unique giftings and abilities are to be developed for the common good. It behoves then that the potential of each individual be maximized by recognizing, encouraging, and developing their gifts and abilities through a Christ-focused curriculum and by creating supportive learning environments with clearly defined boundaries. Learning opportunities should develop and release an individual's gifts that each may see themselves as valued, loved and empowered.

It is important that schools provide students with the necessary scaffolding to successfully advance in their learning. This necessitates a thorough understanding of the requirements of each individual in each domain of learning. Clear educational goals, programs, assessment and evaluation procedures must be developed to deliver a differentiated, comprehensive curriculum that reflects not only the needs of the students and their families but also the needs of the community. Schools themselves do not exist as isolated entities but are part of a much wider community – society.

In the context of Distance Education it is the family unit that provides the learning environment and social context for each student. The College recognises the primary role that parents have in the education of their children and seeks to provide all that is needed to support that relationship and process in the development of their preferred futures.

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The identification of Essential Learnings, drawn from a variety of disciplines and linked with targeted values and attitudes, provides learners with the necessary knowledge base to engage with a rapidly changing world. Essential Learnings should develop in the learner a personal faith, personal and social confidence, understandings about the world, and skills in thinking and communicating.