

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

*Honouring our heritage
and guiding our future*

**LAUNCESTON
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL**

Launceston Christian School's mission and values reflect our desire to work together in partnership with our whole school community. Association Membership builds upon this partnership; creating opportunities for parents, past students and friends to maintain the schools direction, providing Christian education based on the Bible.

WHAT IS THE ASSOCIATION?

Our school is owned by the Association for "Launceston Christian School Inc." and it is a legal body

The Association was formed in 1965 by committed Christians in Launceston who saw a need for Christ centred education for children

It elects directors to the LCS Board who are responsible for the school's governance, policy and direction



WHY CONSIDER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP?

Recognise Jesus Christ as Lord of all

Maintain the Christian distinctiveness of the school

Have a voice in decision making and maintaining the direction of the school

Participate and serve in our community, focussed on Christian Education

Be eligible for nomination and election to the Board of Directors

Membership is not automatic when you enrol your children at the school – you need to apply

WHO CAN BE AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER?

Christian parents, past students and friends of the school community can apply for membership

There are two types of membership:

Full Membership is open to professing Christians who can sign the following declaration: *"I declare my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, Lord and God and my whole-hearted acceptance of and agreement with the Objects of the Association as defined in Clause 4 of the Constitution."*

Associate Membership allows members similar rights and duties as a full member including service on committees such as the Building and Grounds committee or the P&F. However, Associate members cannot vote on changes to the Constitution, Board or be elected to the Board of Directors. It is open to professing Christians who can sign the following declaration: *"I declare my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, Lord and God and my whole-hearted acceptance of and agreement with the Educational Creed annexed to the Constitution of this Association."*

HOW TO BECOME AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER?

Ask for an Association Membership Pack at our office

The Association Pack contains membership forms. The School Constitution, Educational Creed and information on: The Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, Canons of Dort and The Westminster Confession are available on our website - www.lcs.tas.edu.au

Fill out an Association Membership form and return to the school office

Have an interview with two members of the LCS Board
(a Board member will contact you)

The Board formally considers your application for membership at the next Board Meeting

Cost of Association Membership is \$55 per year. Current families at the school have this fee waived.

For more information please contact Tanya Socorro
socorrot@lcs.tas.edu.au



Phone: 6327 2854

Web: www.lcs.tas.edu.au

Email: office@lcs.tas.edu.au

452A West Tamar Road Riverside Tasmania 7250



LAUNCESTON
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Thank you for considering membership of the Launceston Christian School Association. We value your desire to partner with us, as together we maintain our Christ Centred foundation and build a sustainable vision for the future of Christian Education at our school. Membership is open to all professing Christians including students, parents or friends of our Christian School community.

To apply:

1. Fill out either a Full Association Membership Application or an Associate Association Membership Application (see details below)
2. Return your form to our school office
3. Once received a LCS Board Member will contact you to arrange an interview
4. Membership is confirmed when the LCS Board formally accepts you as a member

Full Association Members can serve on school subcommittees, vote on changes to the LCS Constitution, vote in Board Member elections and be elected to the Board of Directors

Associate Members have the same rights and duties as full members except **they cannot vote** on changes to the Constitution, Board Member elections or be elected to the Board of Directors

Helpful notes:

- A copy of the LCS Constitution and Education Creed referred to in the application forms are included in this pack.
- The Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, Canons of Dort and The Westminster Confession of Faith are statements of Biblical belief developed in the 16th and 17th Centuries. They are commonly used by the Reformed thinking denominations as their Statements of Faith.
- All of these confessions can be easily found on our website: www.lcs.tas.edu.au under the Our School/LCS Board & Association tab.

Application for Associate Membership



Name: (Mr / Mrs / Miss) Date:

(Mr / Mrs)

Address: Email Address:

..... Postcode:

1. I declare my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, Lord and God and my whole hearted acceptance of and agreement with the Educational Creed annexed to the Constitution of this Association. *(A copy of the Constitution and Educational Creed can be acquired via the School Office, the Board Secretary or the School's website)*
2. I am a member of, or regularly attend (name of Church)
I attend Church:
☐ each Sunday ☐ more than once per month ☐ less than once per month
3. I declare that I understand that the beliefs and practices of the Launceston Christian School (Inc.) are based upon the divinely inspired, inerrant Word of God, as interpreted by the Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, Canons of Dort and The Westminster Confession of Faith.
4. In making this application I hereby promise to:
 - a) Pay the annual membership fee when accepted as a member
 - b) Abide by the Constitution and Rules of the Association
 - c) Actively participate in areas such as: Association meetings, School activities, Financial support.

Signed:

Signed:

Please forward to:

The Board Secretary, via the School Office, or P O Box 32, Riverside Tas 7250

Application for Full Association Membership

Full Names: (Mr / Mrs / Miss) Date:

(Mr / Mrs)

Address: Email Address:

..... Postcode:

1. I declare my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, Lord and God and my whole hearted acceptance of and agreement with the objects of the Association as defined in Clause 4 of the Constitution. *(A full copy of the Constitution and Educational Creed can be acquired via the School Office, the Board Secretary or the School website)*
2. I am a member of, or regularly attend (name of Church)
I attend Church:
☐ each Sunday ☐ More than once per month ☐ less than once per month
3. Please indicate which of the following you have read:
☐ Belgic Confession ☐ Heidelberg Catechism,
☐ Canons of Dort ☐ The Westminster Confession of Faith
4. I declare that I understand that the beliefs and practices of the Launceston Christian School (Inc.) are based upon the divinely inspired, inerrant Word of God, as interpreted by the above Creeds. I agree to uphold, promote and abide by this basis of belief and practice, in my participation and involvement in the Association and School.
5. I further declare my personal acceptance of and agreement with this interpretation, belief and practice in so far as the attached questions relate to the above mentioned Creeds.
6. In making this application I hereby promise to:
 - a) Pay the annual membership fee when accepted as a member
 - b) Abide by the Constitution and Rules of the Association
 - c) Withdraw from membership if I become unable to subscribe to any of the above
 - d) Actively participate in such areas as: Association meetings, School activities, Financial support.

Signed: Signed:

Please read the statements attached, circle your responses and forward your application to:

The Board Secretary, via the School office, or PO Box 32, Riverside Tas 7250

Statements Relating to Applications for Full Membership

Do you believe? (please circle your answer)

- 1) That the Bible is the only inspired, infallible and authoritative written Word of God. That it is the only rule for life and is to be believed and obeyed simply because it is the Word of God. **YES / NO**
- 2) That God is a spirit, infinite, eternal, unchangeable, all wise, all powerful, holy, just, good and true and that He is one God in three persons, God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit, who are the same in essence and equal in power and glory. **YES / NO**
- 3) That God, for His own glory and pleasure, has eternally appointed all that happens, and that He carries out His purpose in His works of creation and providence. Nevertheless, God is not the Author of, nor can He be charged with sin. **YES / NO**
- 4) That out of nothing, God created heaven and earth and everything in them, and He continues to preserve and govern them by His power and providence. **YES / NO**
- 5) That our first parents, having been created sinless and perfect in the image of God, then sinned against Him. This was the fall of mankind. **YES / NO**
- 6) That man is dead in sin, corrupt in his whole nature and of his own ability totally unable to repent and believe or to assist in earning his own salvation. **YES / NO**
- 7) That God the Father has chosen His people, from before the beginning of time and has made a covenant of grace to save them through Christ. **YES / NO**
- 8) That Christ's redemptive work is all-sufficient for our salvation. **YES / NO**
- 9) That God commands people to repent and believe, and this is their responsibility. **YES / NO**
- 10) That, although through the preaching of the Gospel the call to repent and believe comes to many, through the work of the Holy Spirit only those whom He has chosen, before the beginning of time, are persuaded and enabled to repent and believe. **YES / NO**
- 11) That through repentance and belief we are instantly made right with God by Christ's death and resurrection, and adopted as His children. **YES / NO**
- 12) That God, through the work of the Holy Spirit, sanctifies us (makes us more holy) throughout our life. **YES / NO**
- 13) That it is only through God's grace that we gain eternal life. **YES / NO**
- 14) That God's covenant extends to all believers and their children. It is therefore the duty of believing parents to bring up their children to know and love Him. **YES / NO**
- 15) That there will be a resurrection of all mankind; those that are saved will gain eternal life and those that are lost, eternal damnation. **YES / NO**
- 16) That the law as found in Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5 and Matthew 22 requires the obedience of mankind. **YES / NO**
- 17) That obedience and worship express the gratitude of the believer to God. **YES / NO**
- 18) That we may be sure that God hears and answers our prayers. That He fulfils all our needs when we ask Him in Jesus name and according to His will. **YES / NO**

These questions by no means cover all Biblical truths. There are many other statements that we as Christians can agree with (e.g. the Deity of Christ, Christ's death, resurrection and ascension, the attitude of believers exemplifying Christ's love, etc.) The questions primarily cover the theological points where there could be differences in interpretation.