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a ministry of Coast Community Church

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## ABOUT US

### a Our Foundation

The Coast Christian School (TCCS) has been established as a Kindergarten to Year 6 primary school by Coast Community Church in association with Christian Schools Australia. We strongly believe in a balanced biblical doctrine and highlight core values such as love and grace. We personally nurture the whole child in the context of Christian community, whilst integrating the curriculum and God's word.

We seek to provide children with a Christ-centred, socially and academically excellent primary school with a view to see them grow up and take their place in society as devoted followers of Christ. A key scripture for our School is from Proverbs 22:6...

*"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."*

### b Our Vision and Mission

#### Vision

As a ministry of Coast Community Church, the school's vision is the church's vision, namely to see the generations across the Central Coast become devoted followers of Christ.

#### Mission

The school's mission is to provide quality education, in a nurturing environment, based on God's word.

### c Our Objects

#### The School will seek:

- To provide the highest level of education for every student so that they may reach their God-given potential in life according to each one's abilities.
- To teach children that they are created by God for a specific reason and that the Bible holds the key to that reason. We desire to see each child come to a point of personal decision of accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour and to become His devoted follower. We will apply Scriptural truth to the everyday life of students and help them develop a Christian worldview.
- To create an environment of love, acceptance, care, discipline and forgiveness where children are taught to develop relationships based on Biblical principles. We desire to foster respect, integrity and personal responsibility in the life of every child.
- To equip children with the life skills they will need to succeed in life, including spiritual, academic, physical, emotional, cultural and relational aspects. We aim to develop whole, balanced, secure and confident children who will approach life with enthusiasm.



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## d Our Core Values

The Coast Christian School has identified five core elements, which undergird all that we seek to do in educating the children in our care:

- **Love**

We want our School community to grow in God's love in a safe and happy environment, and to display that love to others.

- **Grace**

We actively extend grace and acceptance to children and their families as God has extended grace to us through Jesus.

- **The Bible**

At every opportunity we integrate the curriculum and God's Word.

- **The Whole Child**

We nurture the child/ren's spiritual, social and academic growth in order for them to understand and plan for their lives through service to God.

- **Christian Community**

We actively develop a Christian community that supports the whole family.

Paul's prayer for the church at first century Philippi captures our prayer for the children at this School:

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God."* Philippians 1:9-11

## e Our Journey

TCCS commenced in 2000 specifically to be a Kindergarten to Year 6 christian primary school. It focuses on and celebrates the childhood years of the educational process, providing high quality teaching and learning in the six Key Learning Areas in an environment of care and nurture based on biblical principles.

The school has grown over the years, both in enrolments and resources. With approximately 150 students, the school operates with seven classes as a single stream primary school. Learning programs focus on Literacy and Numeracy skills each morning and the six Key Learning Areas of the primary curriculum throughout the week.

Along with library, public speaking, chess, interschool sport, musical tuition and band, the school provides Learning Support through Spectrum, the school's special ed unit, to assist in remedial learning, and extension/enrichment activities.



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## **f Our Community**

One of the School's strengths is its sense of community. Our size allows us to foster a very close knit community that cares for the whole family. The school encourages family involvement at all times and it is our constant prayer that as we develop this school, God will bless all students and families involved.

The majority of families enrolled at TCCS attend over a dozen churches across the Central Coast. All families are encouraged to grow and develop in life's journey through an active involvement in church life.

As a ministry of Coast Community Church, the school benefits greatly from the support and leadership provided from C3 – more information is available at [www.c3web.org.au](http://www.c3web.org.au)

## **g Our Environment**

TCCS is set on four hectares of property among the hills and eucalypts of Bensville on the Central Coast of NSW, with the coast's beautiful beaches just minutes away and the busy centres of Erina and Gosford within easy reach. TCCS attracts families from Wamberal, Erina, Springfield, Umina, Green Point and the surrounding suburbs and is serviced by Busways and its own school bus.

The bush surroundings give the children a healthy and natural environment in which to have an active playtime as well as a quiet pleasant place in which to learn.

## **h Our Faith**

We believe:

- The Bible is God's Word, inspired by Holy Spirit and without error. It is our sole authority and binding in all matters of faith and conduct.
- There is one holy God, existing eternally Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is the Creator of all things. 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 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 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. He is now seated at the right hand of God. By personal faith in Christ one can know the forgiveness of sins, be reconciled to God, become a member of God's family 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.



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- 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.

## **i Our Details**

We invite you to contact us should you require any further information. Our contact details are as follows:

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[www.thecoastchristianschool.nsw.edu.au](http://www.thecoastchristianschool.nsw.edu.au)

We warmly invite your family to be a part of our caring and friendly school community. Let us help you see your children grow into all that God wants them to be.



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## 2 ABOUT YOUR CHILD

### a Activities

TCCS provides many activities both on and off campus which include:

- Swimming and Athletics carnivals at School, Zone, State and National levels
- Musical productions presented to Church, senior groups, parents
- Public Speaking and Debating
- Chess
- Musical Instrument tuition
- School Band

Day or overnight excursions to complement School curricula

### b Curriculum

The six Key Learning Areas of curriculum taught at TCCS follow the NSW Board of Studies syllabuses. Christian Schools Australia also provides Christian Curriculum support which is available to us. It is our goal and practice to instruct from a Christian perspective.

The school focuses on Literacy and Numeracy and places highly competent students in higher grades for English and or Maths. Group work according to ability is also used to provide appropriate challenges for the children.

The school also provides learning support through Spectrum, its special ed unit, with qualified staff providing individual and in-class support for students with special needs, including remedial learning, and extension/enrichment activities.

The school is proud of the progress made by the children in their academic studies and more information can be found by referring to our [annual education & financial report](http://www.thecoastchristianschool.nsw.edu.au) from the office or [www.thecoastchristianschool.nsw.edu.au](http://www.thecoastchristianschool.nsw.edu.au)



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## **c     Discipline**

The discipline policy of the School is based on the Bible and students are encouraged to live out their Christian lives on a daily basis. This encourages growth in responsibility and co-operation, and gives students the foundation upon which to build self discipline. Accordingly, the discipline is firm and loving with the expectation of good behaviour and positive attitudes.

There is a system of rewards that encourages good behaviour, and correction that addresses poor behaviour. Children learn their boundaries and are taught about responsibility and consequences for their actions.

This School is accountable to God, and to other authorities. Accordingly, TCCS does not sanction the administering of corporal punishment to enforce discipline at the School.

## **d     Uniform**

Our students have an attractive, classic uniform. Our School colours are white, navy blue, dark green and red. All students are encouraged to wear the School uniform correctly and with pride.



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### **3 ABOUT PARENTS/CARERS**

#### **a Parental Involvement**

Parents/Carers are welcome at the School and are encouraged to participate in the School's life and development in a variety of ways. Indeed, this is a highlight of the School, which supports the concept of family and community involvement. We recognise that parents/carers retain the biblical responsibility for their children's education, and that this is enhanced when parents/carers are involved in the children's learning environment. Further, we seek to be a community not just of children and teachers, but also of parents and other adults.

Opportunities for parent/carers involvement include:

- Assisting teachers with class lessons (eg reading groups)
- Lesson preparations at School (eg photocopying worksheets) or home
- School working bees
- School canteen
- Powertalking (prayer group)
- Parents and Friends meetings held once a term
- Prayer Nights for the whole School family held once a term
- Annual School Church Service

#### **b Parent Recommendations**

- "The staff attitudes are exceptional . . .very genuine affection from staff to all children."
- "I love the School and the community spirit. I recommend it to everyone I know!"
- "Nothing is ever a problem. "
- "The School and teachers are particularly wonderful at encouraging the individual child and their talents."
- "A wonderful anchor in our turbulent lives!!"
- "The School has a warm 'homely' feel that always makes you feel encouraged that it's the best environment for your children."
- "The School has a safe, nurturing positive environment which allows children to be confident enough to embrace new ideas which builds academic performance."



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## 4 ABOUT ENROLLING

### a Student Enrolment Policy

The administration of the Enrolment Policy is the responsibility of the School Board.

TCCS is a ministry primarily to children from committed Christian families in order to support the parents in the education of their children.

The Board also makes some places available for families who are supportive of the policies of the School and wish their children to be taught Christian principles and values, but who are not affiliated with a church. The School's desire in enrolling such families is that through normal School activities, the children and their families will choose to make Jesus Christ their Lord and Saviour.

***It is essential that all families who have their children enrolled are supportive of the ethos and policies of the School***

The Board's expectation of a practising Christian family is one which:

- Recognises and testifies to the Lordship of Jesus Christ
- Has a commitment to model and teach Biblical principles in the home
- Is actively involved in the ministries of a local Christian Church and regularly attends worship services.

### b Minimum Starting Age

The child must turn **5 years of age on or before 30th April** in their Kindergarten year. This may be varied if the child has had specialist assessment which recommends that the child commence school at an earlier age. It may also be varied if there are other special circumstances

### c Enrolment Procedures

All prospective enrolments are subject to an enrolment interview. Families who wish to enrol their children need to fill out an Application Form. Potential students will be interviewed with their parents prior to enrolment. Places will be offered on the basis of the interview and the application.

Applications will be prioritised according to the following criteria:

- 1 Siblings of current enrolled families (priority subject to applications being received by 1<sup>st</sup> April in the year prior to starting school).
- 2 Committed Christian families who are members of Coast Community Church (priority subject to applications being received by 1<sup>st</sup> April in the year prior to starting school).
- 3 Other families.

The Principal and a Board Member will approve all enrolments.



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#### **d Conditions of Enrolment**

Parents/Carers are required to sign and support the Conditions of Enrolment as outlined in the Enrolment Application. The School reserves the right to add to and amend these conditions of enrolment from time to time as they see fit. All applications for enrolment will be considered in the light of the capability of the School to provide an adequate education program for the special needs of particular students.

#### **e Enrolment Bond**

When a new student is offered a position at the School, an enrolment bond will be required to secure the position. The Bond is refundable at the end of the last student in the family's schooling at TCCS, provided all accounts have been settled and relevant material returned. The maximum bond held by the school per family will be \$1,200. In the case of enrolment offers being accepted more than 6 months prior to the student's starting date, the bond may be paid in instalments as per the school's current schedule.

#### **f Waiting List**

Where there is no position available in a particular grade, the applicant's name can be added to the Waiting List. The Waiting List is prioritised according to the same criteria as for applications.

#### **g Exit Procedures**

Where a student is to be withdrawn from the School, parents/carers must notify in writing their intention with one full School term's notice.

Where this notice is not given, the School reserves the right to charge one term's fees.

All books and equipment are to be returned to the School before the Enrolment Bond can be returned.



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## **5 ABOUT FEES**

### **a Fee Policy**

It is the policy of TCCS to make fees as affordable as possible for the average family.

The School provides a generous family rebate for the second (25%), third (40%) and fourth (60%) child in a family. A further discount is also available for families with children enrolled in certain secondary Christian Schools and an annual application form needs to be completed accordingly.

Fee Statements will be sent out at the beginning of each term and are to be paid by the second week of term. In an effort to assist families who are unable to pay their term fees in a lump sum, a Fee Instalment Plan can be arranged prior to the due date.

The School realises that from time to time families undergo unexpected short term financial difficulties. We will attempt to offer grace and understanding where there is short term difficulty in paying a fee.

Where problems in paying fees occur, parents should contact the Principal to make the School aware as soon as possible. Non-payment of fees without explanation will be followed up and the School reserves the right to terminate enrolment should fees fail to be paid.

Sports fees and all day excursions are included. Overnight excursions are not included.

For current fees please see attachment.

### **c Building Fund**

TCCS is a young growing school and voluntary donations to our School's tax-deductible building fund materially contribute to the improvement of infrastructure surrounding your child. The suggested term contribution is \$50 per family and your fee statement will remind you of this.



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## 6 ABOUT OTHER THINGS

### a Our Relationship with Green Point Christian College

While we cannot guarantee Year 7 places at Green Point Christian College, students from TCCS have enrolment priorities under a Heads of Agreement between the two schools. Under the agreement GPCC will hold open places for up to 30 students until 31<sup>st</sup> March of the year preceding enrolment year for Year 6 students of TCCS to enter GPCC Year 7. The priority for students entering GPCC Year 6 shall be:

- 1) GPCC Year 6 students
- 2) TCCS Year 6 students
- 3) Other students in accordance with the then prevailing GPCC priorities.

Families wishing to enrol at GPCC under this Heads of Agreement will be required to agree to TCCS providing GPCC information including length of time at TCCS, student behaviour, academic achievements, history of fee payment, and any educational/medical related issues.

Wherever possible, the two schools work together in the pursuit of excellence in christian education for all students. There exists an inter-school rebate on application for families with students in both schools.



### b

The Coast Christian School is a ministry of Coast Community Church. The School was started out of a strong desire by Coast Community Church to have a vital and relevant ministry to families on the Central Coast. If you are not part of a local church, we warmly invite you to join our Sunday celebration services and to be a part of many of its midweek ministries.

Coast Community Church provide a range of ministries to serve your family's needs during the week, from Youth Groups to Play Groups; from Home Group Bible studies to regular Men's and Women's events.

We invite you to visit our website which is kept up to date with the latest information and events: [www.coastcommunity.org.au](http://www.coastcommunity.org.au). Or call the church office on 4368 3500.



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## **7 ABOUT OUR STAFF**

### **a Teaching**

Our teachers are all experienced and highly qualified, striving to provide excellence in education.

They are committed Christians who are members of a number of Central Coast Churches and view their work here as furthering God's Kingdom.

Their love of their job overflows to the children and they are committed to helping each child reach their God given potential.

### **b Administration**

Our administration staff are also highly experienced and qualified and aim to provide a helpful and efficient office.

They love the children and are committed to helping families with day to day issues no matter how big or small.

All staff members gather each morning to pray and commit our school to our God.

## **8 ABOUT OUR BOARD**

Our School Governance Board is made up a variety a men and women from different walks of life.

They bring with them vast experience in many different occupations

They all have in common the true direction of our school and aim to provide quality education in a nurturing environment based on God's Word.

The Board's primary task is to seek Godly wisdom and to act on behalf of those served by the school, to articulate the vision and mission of the school and to establish governance policies aimed at achieving the vision and mission.

## **9 ABOUT RESOURCES**

Stages 1 and 2 of our building program have been completed. Besides outdoor undercover and shade areas, the school has playing fields and is developing a sustainable garden as part of its educational program. Students have regular access to laptop computers as part of their curriculum. The school has commenced a roll out plan to have every classroom equipped with interactive white boards.

Enquiring families are invited to join one of our staff on a school tour to see the range of school resources as well as develop a sense of school tone and activity.