

## Aren't There Some Excellent Christian Teachers In Our Public Schools?

This is absolutely true, and such teachers should be encouraged and supported as they seek to serve God in the Public sector. Christian teachers are able to witness to their peers in both word and deed as God gives them opportunity to do so.

Unfortunately this is not the case in the classroom. Christian teachers are increasingly only able to influence students by being “good people” rather than by articulating the Christian faith. Christian teachers are not allowed to pray with students in the classroom, nor are they able to share from God’s Word as part of normal classroom interaction. Anything that might be construed as overtly influencing children toward a particular faith will almost certainly result in warnings being issued, particularly if parental objections to such activity are lodged with the school.

## Many Of My Children's Friends Go To Public School. What Should I Do?

If your children have good friends at a Public School it's only natural that they'll want to join them. And it's a given that they'll fight against the alternative. As a parent, this is a difficult problem to solve.

But if you think about it you know the environment there is largely unhealthy for your children in terms of their spiritual well-being. Children will make and remake friendships over time, and though they may instinctively want to be with other children they already know and like, this is rarely the most important consideration when choosing a school for them.

Ultimately, the decision is yours. The Bible makes it unmistakably clear that the primary responsibility for educating children rests with their parents. Pray for God's wisdom as you work through this as a family. Make the decision God asks you to.

# Tasman Bay Christian School

## Will Attending Christian School Make My Children Christians?

There are no guarantees on this score! God has not promised that everyone who hears the Gospel will embrace it. But faith in Christ “comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Romans 10:17), and because Christian schools share God’s Word with their students daily, your children will have more opportunities to accept Christ than they would in any other educational setting. Of course, whether your children come to faith in Christ during their school days or not, one thing is clear. Time in Christian school will give them a better understanding of God and the Bible. Should they eventually accept Christ, they will be better able to defend and share their faith with others.

**“I advise no one to place their child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which people are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt ... I am much afraid that schools will prove to be the great gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them in the hearts of youth.” — Martin Luther**

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**Helping Children Grow**  
Bringing our children up to know and love God

## Why Christian Education?

Some frequently asked questions ...



## What Is Christian Education?

A Christian education is one in which the Word of God underpins our learning. “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Proverbs 9:10). A Christian education seeks to holistically present what it means to learn and grow in a world that was created by God. It also encourages students to consider Biblical truth at a personal level and to help students understand what it means to live for God in the world He created.

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The Bible does not contain all knowledge or all truth, but it does form the foundation from which all knowledge and truth springs. When we exclude God from the classroom, we effectively admit that God can be safely ignored when it comes to learning about ourselves—what it means to be human and to live well in our world. Children need a challenging, comprehensive academic curriculum built on a foundation of Biblical absolutes in order to learn as God intends us to. They also need to be able to look to those who teach them as Biblical and godly examples of what it means to be a Christian and live in a way that pleases God.

## What About Academic Excellence?

Christian schools strive toward academic excellence in order to please God. This is the highest motivation one can have as a Christian teacher! Christian schools most often achieve better academic outcomes than state schools due to this desire to please God in all things. However, parents need to keep in mind that not every child will be an academic genius! Christian schooling will give every child excellent academic instruction, but it will also recognise that each child is unique and may have strengths in areas other than pure academics. Your child’s value as a person and their future in God’s world does not hinge entirely on them being the next Albert Einstein! The important thing is that children reach their God-given potential.

## Can We Afford It?

Depending on the Christian School you choose, giving your child a Christian Education need not be significantly more expensive than other educational options. Most Christian schools seek to keep fees affordable and integrated Christian Schools are required to keep their financial expectations of parents in line with their Public School counterparts. In addition, many Christian Schools offer scholarships to parents who need financial assistance. At Tasman Bay Christian School we are committed to making a good quality Christian education available to all who want it.

# the case for christian education

## I Went To Public School & I Turned Out Okay. Can't My Children Do The Same?

The short answer is yes. Just like you did, your kids can turn out okay, maybe even better than okay. But our arrival at a place called “okay” does not necessarily mean that all our choices along the way were the right ones, or that our educational experience was the best one we could have had. **In addition, it is clear that our society has steadily moved away from its Christian heritage and now embraces all manner of morals and values that directly contradict God’s ideals. Our public schools and those who teach in them will increasingly reflect the underlying values and worldview of our culture. Almost without exception this will mean children in Public Schools will be taught without reference to God and in many cases, will be taught things that directly oppose Scripture.**



**Our Vision Is To See Each Student Increasingly Become A Child Of Purpose, Action, Character And Wisdom.**

## Many Of My Christian Friends Say We Should Be Salt And Light In The Public Schools. Isn't That True?

Many Christian parents share this sentiment and it’s a noble one! Every one of us should strive to be salt and light wherever we find ourselves. But we have to be mindful that young children (especially before high school) are generally not equipped to defend their faith and influence others. They are still at a time in life when they need to receive salt and light, not provide it. And while it is true that Public Schools can be impacted by Christian parents, the underlying value system and secular foundation of a Public School will remain firm regardless of how many parents on the Board of Trustees are Christian.

## If I Put My Children In Christian School, Won't I Be Sheltering Them From The Real World?

There’s no denying it, you’ll be sheltering them from *aspects* of secular society. But Christian schools can’t and don’t shield children from every source of temptation. Christian schools have the same type of kids non-Christian schools have. We’re all prone to selfishness, anger, and malicious talk. And no matter where your children attend school, they can’t escape the influence of movies, books and television. The difference in the Christian school is that it can apply Biblical Truth to thoughts or actions, and with God’s help, renew the mind of the child. Then, when they finally enter the “real” real world, they’ll be much better equipped to live in a way that honours God.