

## Proselytism Policy

### Rationale

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

We define proselytism as the use of force, coercion, deception or manipulation to induce someone to change or adopt a faith position. We believe the use of such methods is contrary to Biblical teaching, accepted Christian practise and the message and character of Christ.

**1 Thessalonians 2: 3 "For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you." (NIV)**

### Policy

It is the policy of Pacific Hope Christian School that proselytism is not an acceptable element of any activity or program.

### Principles

- Pacific Hope Christian School strives to be an authentic Christian community valuing honesty and care for others.
- Pacific Hope Christian School values the importance of personal testimony and the open discussion of the issues of faith in building genuine relationships. Individuals should be free to share their personal faith with others.
- Pacific Hope Christian School believes that individuals must be able to choose their own faith free from force, manipulation, deception or coercion.
- Individuals participating in Pacific Hope Christian School education, activities or programs should not expect to experience proselytism

### Non-compliance with Policy

Pacific Hope Christian School will take appropriate action to address any breaches of this policy.