

## NAMOI VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL INCORPORATED

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

1. The name of the Incorporated Association is NAMOI VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL INCORPORATED (hereinafter called the Association).
2. The purposes for which the Association is established are:
  - (1) To establish and maintain a school or schools to provide daily Christian education for children based upon God's Word and in accordance with the principles enunciated in this Statement of Purposes and in compliance with any law or statute in force in the State relating to the conduct and running of schools for the education of children.
  - (2) To employ teachers and other staff (called "the employees") and to remunerate (subject to Clause 4 hereof) them in return for services rendered and to provide for them facilities for the carrying out of their work.
  - (3) To organize and conduct Christian religious and public services and meetings.

Solely for the purpose of carrying out the aforesaid purposes and not otherwise the Association has power:

- i) to buy apply for acquire by lease license exchange or hire give or accept options over let on lease license or hire sell exchange develop manage and/or otherwise deal with any real or personal property of whatsoever nature and kind and wheresoever situate;
- ii) to sell and/or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the business and/or property of the Association either together or in portions and for such consideration and/or on such terms and conditions as the Association may think fit;
- iii) to improve manage develop work maintain sell lease underlet exchange surrender mortgage charge dispose of and/or otherwise deal with and/or turn to account all or any part of the real and/or personal property for the time being of the Association wheresoever situate;
- iv) to subscribe to, become a member of and co-operate with or amalgamate with any other association or organization, whether incorporated or not, whose objects are similar to those of the Association PROVIDED that the Association shall not subscribe to or support with its funds or amalgamate with any association or organization which does not prohibit the distribution of its income and property among its members to an extent at least as great as that imposed on the Association under or by virtue of the Rules of the Association.
- v) To buy, sell and deal in all kinds of apparatus and all kinds of provisions, in any material state, required by all members of the Association premises.

- vi) To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire and otherwise acquire any lands, buildings, easements or property, real and personal, and any rights or privileges, which may be requisite for the purposes of, or capable of being conveniently used in connection with, any of the purposes of the Association PROVIDED that in case the Association shall take hold any property which may be subject to any trusts the Association shall only deal with the same in such manner as is allowed by law having regard to such trusts.
- vii) To enter into any arrangements with any Government or authority supreme, municipal, local or otherwise that may seem conducive to the Association's purposes or any of them and to obtain from any such Government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Association may think it desirable to obtain; and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights privileges and concessions.
- viii) To appoint, employ, remove or suspend such educators, managers, clerks, secretaries, servants, workmen and other persons as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Association.
- ix) To establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of associations, institutions, funds, trusts and conveniences calculated to benefit employees or past employees of the Association or the dependents or connections of any such persons; and to grant pensions and allowances; and to make payments towards insurance; and to subscribe or guarantee money for charitable or benevolent objects, or for any public, general or useful object.
- x) To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, alter or control any houses, buildings, grounds, works or conveniences which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to advance the Association's interests, and to contribute to, subsidise or otherwise assist and take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, development, working, management, carrying out, altering or control thereof.
- xi) To invest and deal with the money of the Association not immediately required in such manner as may be permitted by law for the investment of trust funds.
- xii) To borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as the Association may think fit and to secure the same or the repayment or performance of any debt liability contract guarantee or other engagement incurred or to be entered into by the Association in any way and in particular by the issue of debentures perpetual or otherwise charged upon all or any of the Association's property (both present and future), and to purchase, redeem or pay off any such securities.
- xiii) To make, draw, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading and other negotiable or transferable instruments.

- xiv) To sell, improve, manage, develop, exchange, lease, dispose of, turn to account or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Association.
  - xv) To take or hold mortgages, liens and charges to secure payment of the purchase price, or any unpaid balance of the purchase price, or any part of the Association's property of whatsoever kind sold by the Association or any money due to the Association from purchasers and others.
  - xvi) To take any gift of property whether subject to any special trust or not, for any one or more of the purposes of the Association but subject always to the proviso in paragraph vi) of this Clause 2.
  - xvii) To take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may from time to time be deemed expedient for the purpose of procuring contributions to the funds of the Association in the shape of donations or otherwise.
  - xviii) To print and publish any newspapers, periodicals, books or leaflets that the Association may think it desirable for the promotion of its purposes.
  - xix) To produce purchase or use any films, videocassettes, radio and/or television material that the Association may think desirable for the promotion of its purposes.
  - xx) To purchase or otherwise acquire and undertake all or any part of the property, assets, liabilities and engagements of any one or more of the companies, institutions, societies or associations with which the Association is authorized to amalgamate.
  - xxi) To transfer all or any part of the property assets, liabilities and engagements of the Association to any one or more of the companies, institutions, societies or associations with which the Association is authorized to amalgamate.
  - xxii) To make donations for patriotic or charitable purposes.
  - xxiii) To do any other thing conducive to the aims and purposes of the Association.
3. The Association serves the community by providing education, which is honouring to God. Through high quality teaching and learning in a nurturing, stimulating and Biblically directed environment, students grow in their understanding of God's world and in their commitment to serving Jesus Christ in all areas of life.
4. (1) The school (or schools) conducted by the Association is a community which exists to help parents to equip their children for effective, God-glorifying lives as Christians in the world by:
- a) leading students into the service of God and of others as a thankful response to the work of God in Christ;

- b) nurturing in students the development of a biblical understanding of the world and of life;
- c) establishing an educational environment that is characterized by faith, hope, love, joy, peace and service;
- d) helping students to discover and develop their own God-given abilities, and to recognize and respect those of others;
- e) showing students that knowing their strengths and limitations is part of achieving a realistic, positive self image;
- f) promoting a striving for excellence in their lives.

(2) The Association maintains the following:

**a) Holy Scripture and Education**

By faith we confess the books of the Old and New Testaments to be divinely inspired, inerrant Word of God (2 Tim. 3: 16, 17), the only absolute rule for all faith and conduct, and therefore also for the education of our children at home and at school.

**b) Christian Parents and Education**

As believing parents we have Christ's comforting assurance for our children that theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven and that he will bless them when we bring them to Him (Mark 10: 13-16).

Expecting fulfillment of His promise and obeying the command of His apostle, we endeavour to bring our children up 'in the discipline and instruction of the Lord' (Eph 6:4)

Since the responsibility for this task has been placed on our shoulders as parents we gladly accept responsibility for supervision of that part of the education which takes place outside our homes in the school.

We consider the establishment of Christian parent-controlled schools, which are to assist us in the work of Christian nurture and education, to be our duty and God-given privilege.

**c) Christian Schools**

As Christ is the Saviour and King of the whole of human life (Mat. 28:18; Eph. 1:20-22; Col. 1:16, 17) we understand a Christian School to be such an educational institution in which not only is Christ honoured by prayer and study of the Bible, but all subjects are taught by the light of God's revelation in Jesus Christ contained in the Old and New Testaments.

For such Christian Schools we as parents claim all freedom in the field of education as long as this education takes place in obedience to the requirements of God's Word and in adherence to legitimate, governmental standards and provisions.

#### **d) Some doctrines fundamental to Christian Education**

Believing all the truth revealed in the Word of God we wish to emphasise some doctrines, which are of special importance with regard to Christian education. They are:

**God and Creation:** All things were created by God so that “what is seen was made out of things which do not appear” (Heb. 11:3). God created them in, through and for Christ (Col. 1:15-17) by His Word and Spirit (Gen. 1; Ps. 33:6), to the glorification of His Holy Name (Ps. 8; Ps. 19; Rom. 11:36). It is also by God’s hand, power and care that all created things are preserved and controlled (Ps. 99; Mat. 6:24 f; Acts 17:24 f). In order to understand the world, humanity and history, they must be seen in their relationship to God as the Bible speaks of it.

#### **The Bible and science:**

Creation as well as Scripture has been brought forth by the same God of truth. Any seeming discrepancy between the Bible and science should be resolved so that the Bible is preferred.

#### **Human beings:**

People were created in the image of God to enjoy true communion with their Creator (Gen. 1:26 f; Acts 17:26f). They were instructed to exercise dominion, to interpret all reality in accordance with God’s design and law and to reflect in their person and works the excellence of their Maker (Gen. 1:28 f; Ps. 8:4; Rom. 1:20).

#### **Sin:**

By disobeying God’s law people estranged themselves from God and their neighbour and brought God’s curse upon themselves and upon all creation (Gen. 3:16-19; Rom. 8:19 f). They also became blind to life’s true meaning and purpose, misusing their knowledge and abilities, adhering to fundamentally flawed philosophies, and making themselves false gods of their own imagination and desires (Rom. 1:18 f).

#### **Christ:**

Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Holy Trinity, is God incarnate, the Word became flesh (John 1:14). Laying down His life for His sheep (John 10:10-15), He paid the price of sin for them, being the ransom for all who truly believe in Him (Mat. 20:28; Rom. 5:6 f; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6).

Risen from the dead in His physical body (Luke 24: 36-43) and having ascended to the throne of Heaven He is the King of the Universe (Mat. 28:18; 1 Pet. 3:22). By His Word and Spirit He rules in grace over all true believers. Redeeming their life in its entirety, renewing them after His image and restoring them to the fellowship with God and their fellow human beings He makes them obedient to God’s will in all areas of life (Rom. 8:10-17). His Church awaits the second advent of Christ.

### **The Holy Spirit:**

The Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity (2 Cor. 13:13), the divine empowerer of all created life (Gen. 1:2; Ps. 104:30), is also the source of faith in Christ, of true, spiritual knowledge and of a new sanctified life in grateful obedience to God's will (John 3:3 f; 1 Cor. 2:9 f; Eph. 3:14 f).

Since, therefore, the fruit of all Christian education depends on the gracious operation of the Holy Spirit, both parents and teachers are to perform their task with constant prayer that the Spirit may enable them to be good instruments in His hands for bringing children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, and that He may bless their work that children come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Master, whom to follow and serve in all areas of life is their greatest privilege and joy.