



# Position Statements

## Vision

Global-minded servant-leaders with a biblical understanding and application of knowledge, impacting the world for Christ.

*"People of Hope - Godly Leaders Worldwide"*

## Mission

To support world missions by providing quality, Christ-centered educational services for families of international Christian workers in Cambodia and surrounding countries.

*"HOPE School – Training Servants for Christ"*

## Ethos

HOPE International School exists to support the mission of taking the gospel to the nations.

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matt. 28: 18-20)*

HOPE International School recognises the unique position of the children of Christian workers who, in obedience to Christ, serve away from their home country.

The school was established to meet the needs of these "Third Culture" children in Phnom Penh, Cambodia and the wider Asian setting.

HOPE Seeks to:

- provide a positive, friendly and understanding Christian environment
- encourage the growth of individual student gifts and talents
- cater for students with specific learning needs
- establish good parent-teacher relationships
- develop Godly Leaders Worldwide

To achieve this HOPE will:

- offer a high quality education with international certification
- nurture children in their intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual and physical growth
- address portability between home country and international schooling systems
- provide the flexibility of part time and full time enrolments
- maintain student places during mission home assignments
- prepare children to re-enter their home countries confidently
- provide daily pastoral care opportunities
- identify and support students with specific learning needs, including ESL and gifted students
- provide social, service, sporting and spiritual opportunities
- provide opportunities for parental involvement in the school community

## Our Core Values

1. God is the creator and sustainer of the universe. Therefore, an attitude of wonder and gratitude is important as we seek to understand and care for the world around us. *(Gen. 1:29; Heb. 11:3)*
2. God's truth is revealed in creation, in the Bible and through Jesus Christ. Therefore, the pursuit of truth is necessary for developing a high level of understanding knowledge. *(Ps. 19:1-4; 1 Cor. 2:9-10; John 16:13; John 17:17)*
3. God's authority and sovereign power is absolute throughout history. Therefore, we are to respect the authority that God has delegated to individuals through institutions such as the family, the church, the school and governments. *(Exod. 20:2-3; Eph. 6:1-3; Rom. 13:1-2; Heb. 13:17; Jas. 1:25)*
4. Each person is uniquely created in the image of God. Therefore, it is important to recognize the talents, gifts and abilities of every individual in order to encourage the development of personal potential. *(Gen. 1:26; Gen. 5:1-2; 1 Cor. 12:7-11; Col. 1:28; Eph. 4:11-16)*
5. All people have been created to have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Therefore, it is important to be restored into a relationship with God, which in turn enables us to develop and maintain healthy and loving relationships with all people. *(Eph.2:8-9; Rom. 5:1-5; Rom. 12:9-21)*
6. Our earthly and eternal purpose is to honour and bring glory to God. This will motivate us and provide direction and meaning to all that we do. *(Matt.5:16; John 15:8; Rom. 15:6; 1 Cor. 6:20; Rom. 15: 5-6; 1 Pet. 2:12)*
7. A living relationship with God results in a desire to be more like Jesus Christ. Therefore it is important to allow the Holy Spirit to refine our character, resulting in the demonstration of godly virtues. *(Matt. 5:3-12; Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 5:1-2)*
8. Parents have ultimate responsibility for the education of their children. Therefore it is important to develop a partnership between parents and teachers for the education and nurturing of the children. *(Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 78:4-6; 1 Cor. 12:27-28.)*
9. Jesus Christ commands us to make disciples of all nations. Therefore it is important that we respond to this by developing skills and seeking opportunities to share our faith in love, through words and deeds, with all people. *(Matt. 28:19-20; Deut. 15:7; Matt. 19:21)*

# Our Statement of Faith

1. We believe in the inspiration of the Bible, that it is without error in the original documents and the final authority in faith, life, and doctrine. (*2 Tim. 3:15; 2 Pet. 1:21*)
2. We believe in one living and true God, eternally existent in Three Persons; Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. (*Gen. 1:1; Matt. 28:19; John 10:30*)
3. We believe God is the creator of all things, giver of all life, all knowing, all-powerful, and all loving. (*Gen. 1:1; Jer. 31:3; Acts 14:15; Heb. 11:3; Isa. 40:28*)
4. We believe in the humanity and deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. (*John 1:14, John 10:33*) His virgin birth (*Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; Luke 1:35*), His sinless life (*Hebr. 4:14; Hebr. 7:26*), His miracles (*John 2:11*), His finished work of salvation, including His atoning death on the cross, substituting for us (*1Cor. 15:3; Eph. 1:7; Heb. 2:9*), His bodily resurrection from death (*John 11:25; 1Cor. 15:4*), His ascension to the right hand of the Father (*Mark 16:9*) and His personal return in power and glory (*Acts 1:11; Rev. 19:11*)
5. We believe in the universal sinfulness and guilt of humanity since the Fall through Adam, and that the relationship that God intended all people have with Him has been broken. (*Ps. 53:3; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:23*).
6. We believe that forgiveness and salvation of sinful humans is only by the grace of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone, accomplished through the regeneration of the Holy Spirit. (*John 3:16-19; John 5:24; Rom. 5:8-9; Eph. 2: 8-10; Tit. 3:5*).
7. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit who indwells and empowers all Christians enabling them to become more like Jesus Christ. (*Rom. 8:13-14; 1Cor.3:16; 1Cor. 6:19-20; Eph. 4:30; Eph. 5:18*).
8. We believe in the resurrection and judgment of all people; they who have been saved to eternal fellowship with God, and they who are lost to bear the consequences of sin by eternal separation from God. (*John 5:28-29*)
9. We believe that having a saving faith in Jesus Christ unites all Christians as members of the body of Christ, His church, and that we have the responsibility to maintain the unity of the spirit in love. (*Rom. 8:9; 1Cor. 12:12-13; Gal. 3:26-28*)
10. We believe that as Christians, we are to be committed to proclaim the gospel throughout the world, demonstrating God's love to all people. (*Matt. 26:18-20*)