



Position statement

The VISION

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

People of HOPE - godly leaders worldwide

The MISSION

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

HOPE International School – training servants for Christ

The goal of HOPE is to provide a high quality, international, Christian education for missionary children in Cambodia. HOPE offers a ministry to the families of missionaries, enabling them to remain on the field for service. In order to maintain and promote the Christian foundations and values of the school environment, HOPE is committed to ensure that Board members, Director and teachers accept and uphold the HOPE Statement of Faith. Teaching will incorporate Christian values and Biblical teaching. The school will expect a high standard of behavior based on a love of God and concern for others. The school will seek to provide an education at a fee that is affordable. HOPE offers a quality education to meet the individual child's needs, provided by appropriately qualified, experienced and committed teachers. Quality education is facilitated through an activity-based curriculum in small classes. For many students English is their second language and we aim to support and accommodate them as their language skills develop.

Outcomes of the HOPE Vision

It is our desire at HOPE that each student will thrive academically, spiritually, emotionally, physically and relationally. The school vision is expanded below in terms of the outcomes we want to see in our students.

HOPE Students will be Global-Minded by understanding, and reflecting on:

International-mindedness

Developing an international worldview through an awareness of life outside their passport culture. Students will increase their awareness and appreciation of language and culture through participation in a multicultural, multi-ethnic and multi-lingual school setting.

Intercultural Understanding and Respect

Students will respect and appreciate that all people have intrinsic value and dignity by virtue of each person having been created in the image of God. From this foundation, students will learn to relate to, and grow in their understanding of the diverse, yet connected world we live in.

HOPE Students will be Servant Leaders by

Active involvement

Being actively involved in school, volunteer work (including CAS), church and in the local community.

Caring and Compassionate

Eagerly initiate responsible interaction to serve others' needs and be caring members of the local community and environment. As a Christian community, students respond in compassion and love through word and deed.

HOPE Students will have Biblical Understanding by Inquiry and Reflection

Sustained inquiry of one's own faith and critically thinking and reflecting on what one believes, while at the same time learning about what others believe. Through this process, students will have the opportunity to respond authentically to the Biblical worldview presented to them.

HOPE Students will be able to Apply their Knowledge by

Challenging

Becoming critical thinkers who are sufficiently and appropriately challenged academically, being taught to question, assimilate, interpret, evaluate and reflect on knowledge gained in order to make connections between their education and the world they live in.

Lifelong Learning

Realizing that we live in a rapidly changing world, students will learn to value ongoing (or continuing) education, whether formal or informal, and will develop the habits necessary to maintain such a commitment.

Knowledgeable

Recognizing that God created them to be knowledgeable, as a result, students will study a broad and balanced range of conceptual ideas and content that spans multiple subjects, reaching beyond national and cultural boundaries.

HOPE Students have the potential to impact their world for Christ by

Faithfully and critically applying the knowledge, skills, and understanding they have developed through their education, enabling them to engage their spheres of influence in ways that reflect a Christian worldview and a relationship with Christ.

Our Core Values

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;

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. Psalm 19: 1 – 4; 1 Cor. 2: 9,10; John 16: 13; John 17: 17

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. Exodus 20: 2,3; Ephesians 6: 1 - 3; Romans 13: 1,2; Hebrews 13: 17; James 1: 25

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. Genesis 1: 26; Genesis 5: 1,2; 1 Cor. 12: 7 – 11; Colossians 1: 28; Ephesians 4: 11 - 16

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. Ephesians 2: 8,9; Romans 5: 1 – 5; Romans 12: 9 - 21

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. Matthew 5: 16; John 15: 8; Romans 15: 6; 1 Cor. 6: 20; Romans 15: 5,6; 1 Peter 2: 12

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. Matthew 5: 3 – 12; Galatians 5: 22,23; Ephesians 5: 1,2

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; Psalm 78: 4 – 6; 1 Cor. 12: 27 & 28.

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.

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. (II Timothy 3:15; II Peter 1:21).
2. We believe in one living and true God, eternally existent in Three Persons; Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. (Genesis 1:1; Matthew 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. (Genesis 1:1; Jeremiah 31:3; Acts 14:15; Hebrews 11:3; Isaiah 40:28)
4. We believe in the humanity and deity of our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 1:14, John 10:33)
 - His virgin birth (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:35)
 - His sinless life (Hebrews 4:14; Hebrews 7:26)
 - His miracles (John 2:11)
 - His finished work of salvation, including his atoning death on the cross, substituting for us (I Corinthians 15:3; Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 2:9)
 - His bodily resurrection from death (John 11:25; 1 Corinthians 15:4)
 - His ascension to the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19)
 - His personal return in power and glory (Acts 1:11; Revelation 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. (Psalm 53:3; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 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; Romans 5:8,9; Ephesians 2: 8-10; Titus 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. (Romans 8:13-14; Corinthians 3:16; I Corinthians 6:19-20; Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 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. (Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Galatians 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. (Matthew 26:18-20)