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# Religious Policy

## 1. Background

- 1.1 The School religious policy will be based on a Christian ethos.
- 1.2 Everyone has the right to freedom of conscience, religion, thought, belief and opinion.

## 2. Legislation

- 2.1 The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996.
- 2.2 The South African School Act, Act 84 of 1996.
- 2.3 Western Cape Provincial School Education Act, Act 12 of 1997.
- 2.4 Department of Education Report of the Ministerial Committee on Religious Education.
- 2.5 Western Cape Religion in Education Information Document for Schools.

## 3. RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES

- 3.1 Religious observances may be conducted on the school premises and during activities provided that it is conducted on an equitable basis and that attendance by learners and members of the staff is free and voluntary.
- 3.2 In terms of the Act the governing body has the mandate to determine the religious observances of the school. As the vast majority of the learners are of the Christian faith, the governing body has approved Bible readings and Christian singing at ceremonies and meetings.
- 3.3 The preciousness of other religious groups shall however be respected and equal time opportunity shall be given to them. As it is logistically impossible for the school to cater for these requirements, a suitable alternative must be provided by the parents of the affected learners.