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when & vocation & mission meet:



A reflection for Christian educators
on their calling and its alignment
with their school's vision

It is important that teachers and educational leaders in Christian schools explore and reflect upon the issues raised in this edition of the Christian Teachers Journal.

Your school's vision

Examples

"Maranatha is a Christian learning community in partnership with home and church where students are inspired to discover and develop their God-given gifts, abilities and character for a life of service to the Lord in contemporary society." Maranatha Christian School

"Seeking the Kingdom of God in Education." Mount Evelyn Christian School

"... to nurture children in a Christ centred learning environment in order to develop their full academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual potential." Torrens Valley Christian School

"To be Christian communities, learning together to live life as God intended, offering hope for the world." NT Christian Schools

"To provide quality, affordable Christ-centred education in an environment where God is glorified and enjoyed." Nepean Christian School

The vision

What is the vision of your school? Do you know it? Would you know where to find it if you were asked? Find your school's vision and write it in the space below.

Rewrite your school's vision this time in your own words. Maybe you could choose an age level that you work with and rewrite it for them. Be careful not to change the vision as you rewrite it.

The history

Do you know the history of how this vision and your school came to be? Either look up the history of your school and summarize the main points below, or, invite a founding parent to give a 10 minute summary of the early days to the staff. Knowing at least a little of this history is important. You are part of this history and as such, share in the role of being custodians of the vision.

In three to six sentences, write a summary of the early days of the vision of the school.

The intersection

'Calling is the truth that God calls us to himself so decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a special devotion, dynamism and direction lived out as a response to his summons and service.'

Os Guinness

You have a particular vocation or calling as a Christian and as a Christian teacher. A healthy question to reflect on is, to what extent do my vocation and my school's vision intersect?

