

# Statement of Faith

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As we grow, we partner with more families and communities than ever before. However our foundational goal of providing a quality Christian education for the next generation of students is unwavering.

The Constitution of the Association therefore includes the following Statements of Faith:

- One God eternally existent in three persons: The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- The sovereignty of God in creation, providence, redemption, revelation and final judgement.
- The Divine verbal inspiration of the original documents of the Bible consisting of 66 books, its entire trustworthiness, sufficiency and supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
- The Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ — His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His atoning death on the Cross as our representative and substitute, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father, His mediatorial work.
- The personality and malignancy of the devil, the fallen, sinful and lost estate of all mankind.
- Justification of the sinner by the grace of God through personal faith in our Lord Jesus Christ alone.
- The Deity of the Holy Spirit and His work in the regeneration of men, and in their sanctification.
- The receiving and indwelling of the Holy Spirit at conversion, and His continuing work in the heart and life of the believer.
- The one holy universal church, the body of which our Lord Jesus Christ is the Head, to which all true believers belong.
- The visible bodily return of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection and judgement of all mankind, the eternal punishment of the unrepentant and the eternal blessedness of the redeemed.

# Controversial Issues Clause

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In the interest of harmony within the Association and amongst its members, controversial or divisive doctrines or issues, other than those contained within the Statement of Faith, shall not be promoted within the Association or its schools.

Such issues include:

- Speaking in tongues as a sign of having been filled with the Holy Spirit;
- Doctrines which are peculiar to a particular denomination.

The Board of Directors has the authority to determine whether a particular issue is controversial or divisive within the meaning of this clause but may be overruled by a special resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Association.

This Statement of Faith, the Foundational Statement of Belief, the Association's Governance Information and more can be accessed at [www.scea.wa.edu.au](http://www.scea.wa.edu.au).