

DETAILS FOR VISION AND MISSION IN AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLING

Quick Info

- Currently offered by Alphacrucis/National Institute: Yes
- Course code: EDU575
- Credit points: 10
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- Lecturers

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Prerequisites

The following courses are prerequisites:

- EDU400 Biblical Foundations of Education or 40 credit points

Awards offering *Vision and Mission in Australian Christian Schooling*

This unit is offered as a part of the following awards:

- Master of Education (Leadership)

Unit Content

Outcomes

1. Present a justified case for the role of Christian schools in historical and current Australian schooling contexts;
2. Clearly articulate and justify the choices made in the composing of a promotional artefact to communicate a school vision that is biblically grounded and appropriate to a particular school context;
3. Critically evaluate the vision statements and philosophy of a Christian school;

4. Demonstrate advanced research regarding the effectiveness of the operation of a Christian school in light of its historical context, vision, mission, philosophy and aims;
5. Discuss and analyse the complexities involved in the operation of a faith-based school within a secular social context.

Subject Content

1. Contemporary debates in Australia education and their relevance for Christian schools
2. The historical role of the church and state in schooling
3. The development of Christian Parent-Controlled (CEN) schools
4. Other models of distinctively Christian schooling in Australia and internationally
5. The vision and mission of Christian schools: Research into alternative conceptions of Christian schooling

This course may be offered in the following formats

- Distance/ Global Online
- Face-to-Face
- Intensive (5 days of classes/7 hours per day followed by 85 hours reading, writing and assignments)
- Extensive (5 days spread over the semester)

Subject available each semester. If you wish to enquire about this subject please contact admin@nice.edu.au

Assessment Methods

- Forum posts (10%)
- Artefact and Oral Presentation (40%)
- Research Project Report (50%)

Prescribed Text

- Ireland, J., Edlin, R., Dickens, K., & Beech, G. (Eds.). (2014). *Pointing the way: Directions for Christian education in a new millennium* [2nd ed., Kindle version]. National Institute for Christian Education.
- Vryhof, S. (2004). *Between memory and vision: The case for faith-based schooling*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans