

# VISION

## RATIONALE

- I. There is no higher calling than to love God and serve His Kingdom. The ultimate point of our existence is to join ourselves and our wills to the work of God in His Creation.
- II. The ideal is for students and staff to serve Christ not only while being a member of the BCA community but to continue on in that worldview as alumni wherever they may go.
- III. It is important to understand that every aspect of our lives (from praying to playing) should be for the glory of God and be seen as a potential contribution to His Kingdom.
- IV. The only way Christians can continue making a fruitful contribution to God's Kingdom when they leave BCA is for them to be connected with other believers.
- V. The only way they will seek out other Christians when they leave BCA is if the love of Christ, the fellowship of His Church and the leading of the Holy Spirit are so attractive here, they do not want to ever be without such an experience in the future.

## CORE VALUES

- I. We aspire to be a community of lifelong learners with the Bible as our ultimate guide where, ideally, every member is a disciple of Jesus Christ, growing in commitment to Him and love for God and others.
- II. We want to provide a safe and secure, family-type environment where students can feel a sense of belongingness, enjoy relief from the barrage of harmful influences, and possibly find rest from their troubled past.
- III. We endeavor to meet the needs of all students where they are, academically and spiritually, and to carefully nurture them towards excellence and their full potential in Christ.
- IV. We encourage students to pursue a wide variety of God-honouring activities in order to experience good, wholesome fun as well as to discover all the gifts that God has given them.
- V. We believe Briercrest Christian Academy, as well as the Kingdom of God, is best served by Christian leadership that is both servant-hearted and team-based.
- VI. We purpose to affect this generation for Christ.
- VII. We provide for a wide variety of backgrounds and provide a safe and nurturing environment for all students.

- VIII. We create a place of high values so that parents will entrust us with the educational, personal and spiritual nourishment of their children.
- IX. We develop a culture of excellence and call students to a commitment to excellence of attitude and purpose.
- X. We challenge students to commit themselves to lives of service in God's calling.
- XI. We embrace a commitment to servant leadership: to teach, to model, to pray, to serve.
- XII. We serve and enhance each other so that we will function in reverence as the "Body of Christ."

What is our objective as a body of learning? At BCA, we value each student as an individual and as part of a community; we develop all aspects of their personhood with excellence, according to God's highest purpose for their "heart, soul, and mind."

## SCRIPTURAL BASIS

**"Love the Lord your God with all your mind...":** As a community of learners, we challenge each student to develop an attitude of excellence towards their studies in order to prepare them to be lifelong learners in their sphere of influence.

### Related Values

- I. Promote a culture of high standards—a commitment to excellence of attitude and purpose;
- II. Develop a strong variety of academic options for all students;
- III. Teach kids to develop critical and creative thinking skills with regard to their decision-making processes;
- IV. Provide a forum for genuine questioning to promote personal growth;
- V. Challenge students to positive introspection;
- VI. Maintain a strong classroom ethic of positive management;
- VII. Ensure high standards of class attendance, punctuality and participation; and
- VIII. Foster an environment of progression, redemption and restoration.

**"Love the Lord your God with all your soul...":** As a community of believers, we create a spiritually nurturing environment for students and call them to explore and to deepen their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## Related Values

- I. Purpose to affect this generation for Christ;
- II. Provide a forum for genuine questioning to promote personal spiritual growth;
- III. Provide opportunities for meaningful spiritual experiences;
- IV. Challenge students to positive introspection;
- V. Help kids to understand the “heart” of making godly (God-honoring) decisions so that they can explore the difference between Christian culture and Secularism;
- VI. Teach kids to develop critical and creative thinking skills with regard to their decision-making processes;
- VII. Ensure that our “absolutes” and our values will be based on Scripture-based values and not on cultural-based values;
- VIII. Inspire kids towards building a deeper personal relationship with Christ by modeling an authentic, vibrant Christian walk—by loving Jesus in our own lives;
- IX. Provide a place of progression, redemption and restoration; and
- X. Provide a nurturing and personalized support system to promote kids’ emotional and spiritual well-being.

**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart... Love your neighbor as yourself”:** As a community of citizens, we encourage students to participate in a variety of extra-curricular, intramural, and service activities designed to develop them as well-rounded citizens of our world.

## Related Values

- I. Provide a healthy variety of positive cultural experiences for all students;
- II. Provide a strong variety of extracurricular options for all students;
- III. Promote high standards in all school activities so that students learn to strive towards a commitment to excellence of attitude and purpose;
- IV. Offer fun, wholesome activities for kids to participate in to establish meaningful options for lifestyle choices; and
- V. Make all of their BCA experiences relevant to and challenging within their world.