



## Certificate of Christian Education

The **Certificate of Christian Education** is an award granted to successful participants in an introductory course on Christian education. The course includes historical, theological and philosophical elements and gives participants an understanding of the: *biblical basis for Christian education; worldview implications and history and rationale for Christian education.*

### Segments

1. How the Bible Shapes Education
2. Views of the World and Education
3. Schooling and Christian Education

### Learning outcomes

At the completion of the course participants should be able to:

- 1.1. State ways in which God has revealed himself and the authority and inspired nature of scripture
- 1.2. Appreciate the importance of story and interpreting through a biblical theology framework
- 1.3. Identify the danger of a fragmented interpretation of scripture
- 1.4. Differentiate narrative layers within scripture and state the importance of the metanarrative of the gospel
- 1.5. Appreciate the culminating, unifying, fulfilling nature of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- 1.6. State examples of interpreting passages through principles of biblical theology
- 1.7. Compare and contrast the meta narrative of the gospel and dominant cultural stories
- 1.8. Understand and embrace the importance of allowing the metanarrative to shape all aspects of the educational endeavor
- 2.1. Explore different definitions worldview
- 2.2. Discover some of the worldview questions that have been presented to determine worldview perspectives
- 2.3. Examine some of the significant sources of Western worldviews
- 2.4. Develop an understanding of the biblical worldview and the importance of the mandate to create and cultivate
- 2.5. Develop an understanding of the biblical worldview recognising the distortions that have come from human disobedience
- 2.6. Develop an understanding of the biblical worldview and the centrality of the resurrection and our role in redemption
- 2.7. Appreciate the importance of challenging and modifying your worldview to be more biblical
- 2.8. Explore the impact of western worldviews on Christian education and the importance of worldview in the classroom
- 3.1. Develop an understanding of some of the significant issues facing Christian Schools in Australia
- 3.2. Appreciate the educational responsibilities and schooling choices facing Christian parents
- 3.3. Explore the contours of a Gospel mindset in schooling
- 3.4. Appreciate the contribution of Europe to the development of Christian schooling in Australia
- 3.5. Consider the variety of Christian response to schooling in Australia
- 3.6. Examine a case-study of the core values of one system of Christian schools in Australia
- 3.7. Consider the models of Christian education and schooling
- 3.8. Reflect on the future of Christian schooling in Australia

### Assessment strategy

Assessment in this certificate course is deliberately not summative and has an emphasis on self reflection and application to the learner's own context. To obtain a certificate each applicant must complete the Application Form which consists of a variety of self reflection activities based on each of the 3 segments. This builds upon the formative assessment tool that is available for each learning outcome in the Student Workbook.