



DURBAN GIRLS' COLLEGE SPIRITUAL POLICY

1. Durban Girls' College is an independent Christian School that inspires girls to realize their potential through a unique educational journey built on tradition, innovation, diversity and excellence aimed at enriching our world.
2. The school's Constitution describes the object of the school as being:
"... to provide a sound and well-balanced school education, based on Christian principles for females". To this end, the Christian beliefs and associated ethos will be adhered to, serving as the fundamental and guiding principle of College.
3. The College Chaplain is an integral part of the pastoral care team and is responsible for the nurturing of the spiritual lives of the girls and staff, the worship life of College, as well as participating in the pastoral care of the community.
4. The constitution requires that the composition of the Board of Governors include one Governor who represents the Clergy, and who must be a resident Rector, Parish Priest or Minister of an Anglican, Congregational, Methodist or Presbyterian Church.
5. The executive head and heads of phases shall support and endorse the Christian ethos of the school and the work of the Chaplain.
6. The board of governors and staff members are required to acknowledge and respect the Christian ethos of College.
7. All girls must comply with College's uniform and hair policy and in particular, there shall be no outward manifestation of any faith or religion.
8. College is committed to the spiritual and moral development of its girls. Whilst College celebrates diversity and welcomes girls and staff from other faiths, Christian values are encouraged and various Christian observances and activities are included in the school's calendar as follows:
 - 8.1 Christian content, in the form of hymns, prayers, blessings and Scripture readings, led by the Chaplain, forms part of weekly school assemblies;
 - 8.2 Learners in the High School are expected to attend a weekly hymn practice;
 - 8.3 The school calendar includes with compulsory attendance a traditional, Christian Easter Cantata service in April, a Carol Service at the end of the year, and a Thanksgiving Service as part of Founders' Day celebrations;
 - 8.4 The Chaplain teaches compulsory Christian Religious Education classes for all learners in Grades 00 – 8, based on the Bible;
 - 8.5 In the High School, Christian Religious Education may have more comparative content;
 - 8.6 One of the official leadership portfolios for girls in the High School is the Student Christian Association.
9. All requests to attend special religious festivals that require time off school must be submitted to the Principal in writing.