

# 2006 – 2007 DEVON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT COVENANT

We ask that all parents discuss these following areas with your children in a way that they will understand the expectations of Devon Christian School. Parents of Grades K – 4 please check off the statements that you have discussed with your child and have them sign at the bottom. Students in Grades 5 and up must initial beside each statement if they have read it and will agree to abide by it. They must also sign the covenant at the bottom. These standards are not meant to be a legalistic definition of right and wrong, but practical examples of your commitment to the school community and the essential behaviors and attitudes necessary to fulfill our mission statement. This covenant has been created so that all students at Devon Christian School will be aware of the school's expectations. No attempt will be made by the school to replace a parent's responsibility for discipline. However, when information regarding unacceptable out-of-school behaviour is freely discussed at school, it will be considered an area of school responsibility and subsequent disciplinary action can be expected.

## ***With God's help I will STRIVE to do my best in the following:***

- \_\_\_ I will do my best to make sure that my words encourage the peers and adults in my life. (Matthew 12:36, 37; Proverbs 18:8; Ephesians 4:29 & 5:4; Psalm 19:14; 34:13).
- \_\_\_ I will not lie, cheat or steal, nor tolerate those actions among us. I will also encourage my peers in following this policy. (Psalm 15:1-3; Leviticus 6:1-5; Exodus 20:15-16; 1 Corinthians 6:8; Ephesians 4:25-28; Colossians 3:9; 1 John 2:21).
- \_\_\_ I will do my best to make sure that the choices I make about clothing to wear, television and movies to watch, and music to listen to is something that Jesus would choose. (1 Thessalonians 5:22; Proverbs 4:27; Romans 12:9; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Hebrews 5:14; 3 John 11).
- \_\_\_ I will regularly attend school and do my best to arrive at school on time so as not to miss class devotions nor disturb other students by entering late.
- \_\_\_ I will participate respectfully and fully in all aspects of school life, including daily devotionals, Bible study, Chapel, Community Outreach and after school functions.
- \_\_\_ I will write in my planner and bring it to school signed by my parents every day.
- \_\_\_ I will respect the property of the school and my fellow students.
- \_\_\_ I will faithfully complete my assignments, adequately prepare for tests and be attentive in class.
- \_\_\_ I will practice the principle found in Matthew 18 where I am asked to resolve conflicts with the individuals involved rather than discussing the issue with others.
- \_\_\_ I will support the school in maintaining a high standard of Christian conduct for its students. Should my behavior, while under the supervision of the school personnel, become incompatible with the standards of Devon Christian School, it will be considered grounds for suspension or expulsion.
- \_\_\_ I understand that my behaviour at all times and in all places reflects on my parents, Devon Christian School, and the much broader cause of Christianity. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- \_\_\_ I will follow all rules and policies as outlined in the Parent Handbook.
- \_\_\_ I will make proper health choices including eating breakfast and taking care of my personal hygiene.
- \_\_\_ I will refrain from the use of tobacco, and from the illegal use of drugs and/or alcohol. I further understand that any violations of the above may result in expulsion from Devon Christian School. This applies at all times and in all places (whether at school or not) as long as I am a student of Devon Christian School. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 13, 18-20; Galatians 5:16-26; Mark 7:20-23; Romans 6:13; Ephesians 5:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Hebrews 13:4).

## ***For those who have asked Jesus into their heart:***

- \_\_\_ I will strive to follow God's will and be like Jesus. I will pray, read the Bible, memorize scripture and participate in worship with others. (Matthew 7: 7-11; James 1:5; 1 Peter 1:13-16; John 7:17; Ephesians 5:1-2; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 10:25; Galatians 4:7).
- \_\_\_ I will do my best to be like Jesus every day and to learn from my mistakes. (Jeremiah 18:5-6; John 16:7-14; Romans 8:5-13; 2 Corinthians 5:17).
- \_\_\_ I will strive to use my God-given gifts and talents and to share them with others. (1 John 2:20; 1 Corinthians 12:4-31; Romans 8:28-30; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Galatians 5:13-14; 1 Peter 1:15).
- \_\_\_ I will seek to share the story of Jesus' love and sacrifice with others around me. (Matthew 28:18-20; John 15:17; Acts 1:8; James 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 9:22).

***I have read this Student Covenant and agree to abide by it and to support it to the best of my ability.***

\_\_\_ I have discussed the covenant with my child. *Initial* \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_