

Torrens Valley Association
for Christian Education Incorporated

2021–2025 **STRATEGIC PLAN**

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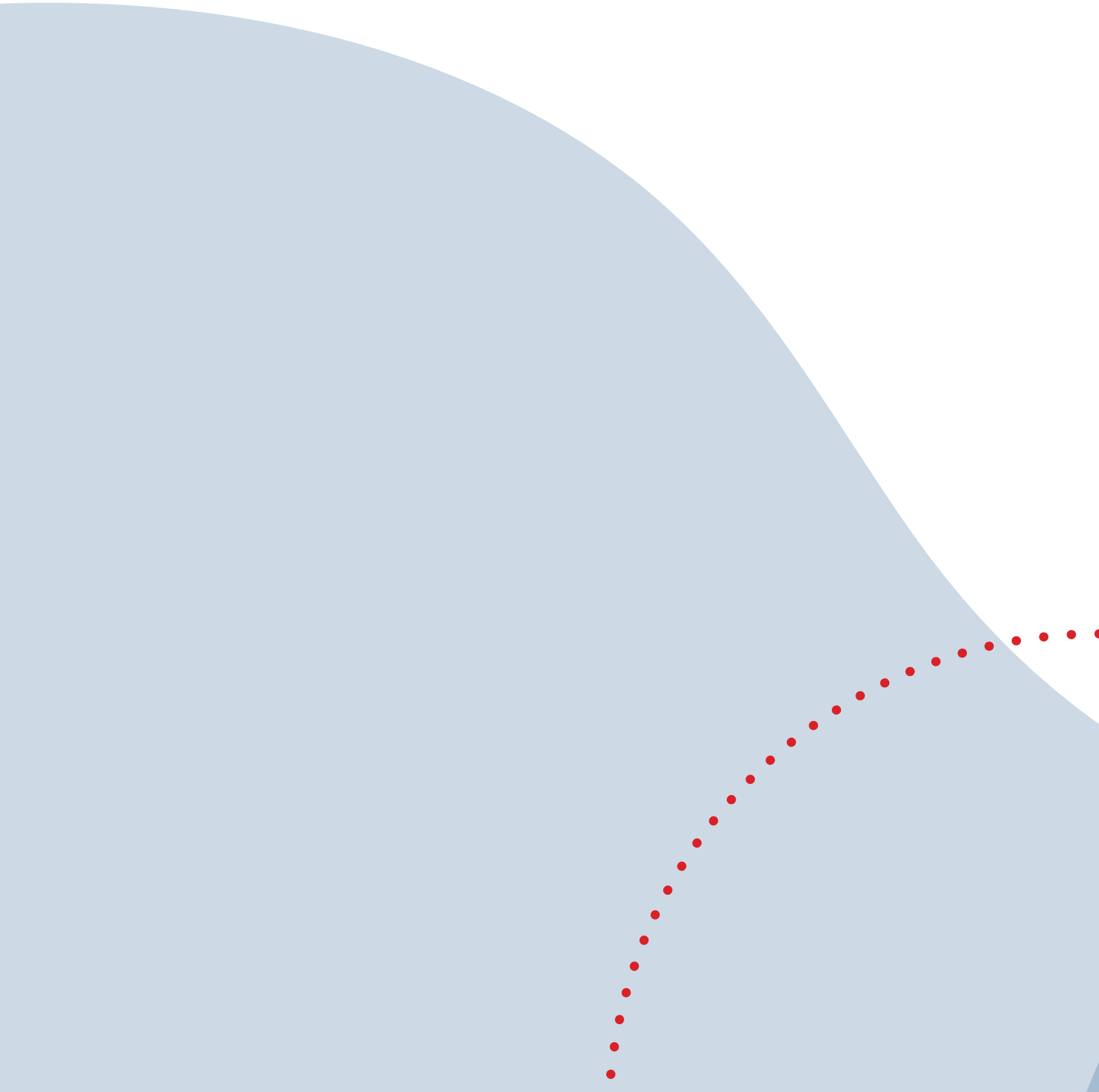


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IN CHRIST, WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE



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Our Foundation

We acknowledge God's blessings for our school and honour the past founding families who through dedication and hard work gave us a firm foundation on which to stand, and a vision and a faith that continues to strengthen with each generation.

The founding families of Torrens Valley Christian School comprised of members from the Reformed Church of Adelaide, who remained faithful and obedient to the calling of God to establish a school that would provide a Christ-centred education. These Godly people believed that Christian Education should be based on the Word of God and that there should be a strong partnership between parents and the school.

We celebrate God's sustained provision to our Christian community and continue to be obedient to His calling, remaining true to our biblical foundations. From humble beginnings in 1980, He has blessed us with growth in student numbers, wonderful facilities, resources and a vibrant future.

Our Future

Building on strong foundations, this 2021- 2025 Strategic Plan is the School's blueprint for future development. Maintaining the history, ethos, and values of the School, we are committed to providing contemporary, relevant, Christ- focused education. At the core of what we seek to achieve, is ensuring every student is nurtured and challenged to reach their full God-given potential, equipping them for service in the world in which we live.

Our Motto

In Christ - Wisdom and Knowledge - Colossians 2:2-3

Our Mission

Torrens Valley Christian School is built on faith in Jesus Christ, providing excellence in education. Our aim is to nurture children in a Christ centred learning environment in order to develop their full academic, creative, personal, physical, moral and spiritual potential.

Our Vision

Torrens Valley Christian School is a Christ-centred learning environment developing young people to believe, belong and become all that God has created them to be.

Our Values

Believe in God

Belong to community

Become all you were created to be

*Believe in God. Belong to community.
Become all you were created to be.*

Our Focus

We are a Christian, educational community, united under God, in the name of Jesus Christ by his Holy Spirit, who actively promote, practise and teach the Christian faith in all we do.

Christian schools are meant to be different from non-Christian Schools. While Christian schools aim at strong discipline, high academic standards and encouraging students in their faith, these alone are not what makes a school Christian. The curriculum itself and how it is taught, from a Christ Centred approach, are the central difference.

Our Christian worldview, based on Creation, Fall (what is wrong), Redemption (the remedy) and Restoration, is used as the blueprint to view all study. We seek to continually question how all we do fits within God's plan for this world.



Focal Points

We hold to God's truth as expressed in the Bible, to the Nicene Creed and our Educational Creed, with the aim of living a life honouring to Him. To affect this, we realise that education and learning are paramount.

The following six Focal Points aim to summarise all we do within the Torrens Valley Christian School community:

PERSONAL UNDERSTANDING OF GOD AND HOW TO LIVE WITH GOD IN RELATIONSHIP

FOCAL POINT 1

We aim to develop and live out a Christian Worldview, in line with the teachings of Bible.

FOCAL POINT 2

We aim to learn more about God and how to develop a closer relationship with Him.

UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE AND HOW TO LIVE IN COMMUNITY

FOCAL POINT 3

We aim to develop our abilities and talents to serve God and to value the many differences that exist within people.

FOCAL POINT 4

We aim to share each other's joys and burdens.

USING OUR TALENTS TO SERVE GOD IN OUR LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITY

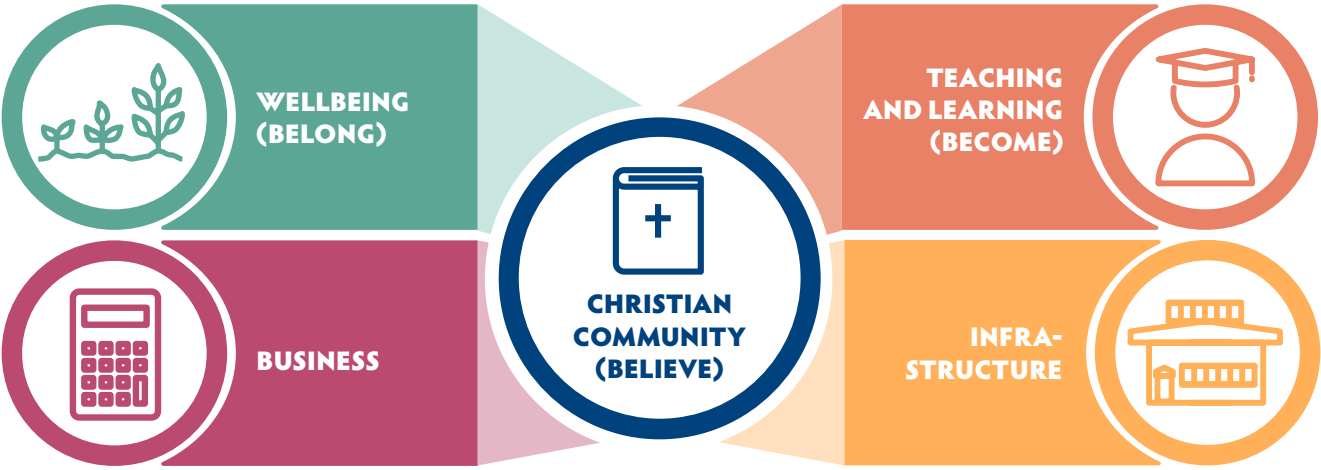
FOCAL POINT 5

We desire to learn how to express Christian love.

FOCAL POINT 6

We seek to understand, as fully as possible, the integral nature of life.

Our Strategic Priorities





CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (BELIEVE)

We maintain an uncompromising biblical worldview and foster an authentic Christ-centred community, focussed on partnerships between staff, students, parents and local churches.

1



WELLBEING (BELONG)

We purposefully cultivate the development of Christ-like character in a nurturing environment and celebrate the uniqueness of each individual as an image-bearer of God.

2



TEACHING AND LEARNING (BECOME)

We intentionally craft teaching and learning to engage students in developing a biblical worldview, equip future generations to be Christ-like culture shapers and empower students to achieve their best possible outcomes.

3



BUSINESS

We are committed to responsible stewardship and sound business practices that will foster innovation and growth to support the achievement of long-term strategic targets.

4



INFRASTRUCTURE

We actively explore development and growth opportunities to ensure the school is well-positioned to meet future challenges.

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Priority 1

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (BELIEVE)

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Our Priorities

- + Authentically and consistently demonstrate our Christian ethos founded on biblical truth
- + Intentionally shape staff and students to enhance the Christian culture of our school
- + Maintain and enhance partnerships between staff, students, parents and local churches
- + Ensure prayer, worship and the teaching of God's Word are actively promoted and embedded in all areas of school life
- + Seek opportunities to disciple students through involvement in mission and service
- + Maintain links with professional networks, contributing to the broader Christian educational community and supporting advocacy for the needs of Christian schooling in the national and global debate

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Priority 2

WELLBEING (BELONG)

We purposefully cultivate the development of Christ-like character in a nurturing environment and celebrate the uniqueness of each individual as an image-bearer of God.

Our Priorities

- + Foster a nurturing environment through holistic pastoral care and the development of a healthy sense of wellbeing and belonging
- + Embed biblical perspectives into all aspects of school life through the structured delivery of wellbeing initiatives
- + Provide multiple learning pathways to meet the learning needs of all students
- + Maximise partnership opportunities with the local Christian community
- + Tailor programs to enhance student engagement

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Priority 3

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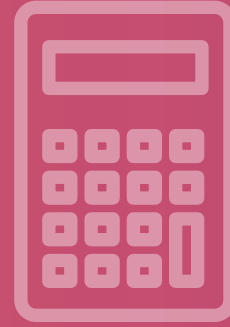
Our Priorities

- + Strive to ensure that all staff employed by the school are modelling an active walk of faith in Christ and are positive role models for students
- + Seek ways to develop critical thinking, collaboration, communication and creativity through the embracing of a growth mindset
- + Embed a culture of professional performance, development and accountability for all staff
- + Embrace digital and technological integration into educational practice
- + Embed innovative pedagogies and educational best practice
- + Develop an adaptable and agile workforce

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Priority 4

BUSINESS

We are committed to responsible stewardship and sound business practices that will foster innovation and growth to support the achievement of long-term strategic targets.

Our Priorities

- + Ensure efficacy in the stewardship of school operations
- + Align short and long-term vision and strategy to meet ongoing school development
- + Implement sound financial management to support the strategic allocation of resources according to identified priorities
- + Maintain staffing ratios within agreed budgeted and benchmarked KPI's
- + Manage and implement appropriate risk control measures
- + Exercise fiduciary responsibility in all business decisions
- + Explore growth opportunities

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Priority 5

INFRASTRUCTURE

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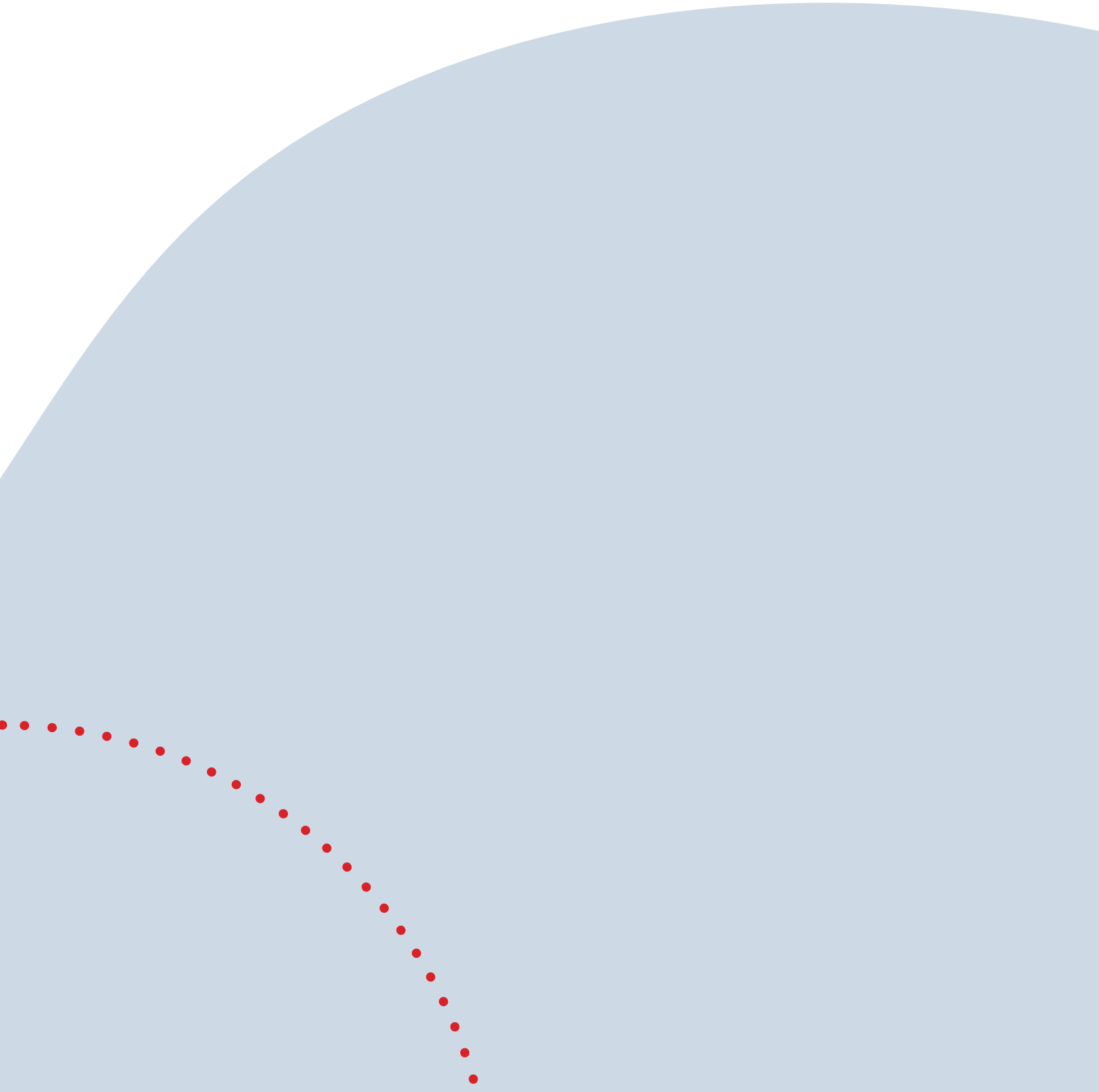
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- + Ensure facilities are fit for purpose and well-maintained
- + Commence staged implementation of the 2020 Building Master Plan
- + Refresh and modernize educational environments
- + Enhance facilities to strengthen brand awareness
- + Be innovative and responsive to technological changes

Reporting Framework

Each year, Torrens Valley Christian School prepares an annual report, which details its performance against the agreed outcomes. The Annual Report is published in accordance with Federal and State Government requirements. Information about school performance, professional engagement, student outcomes and satisfaction levels for each year is documented.

School Executive staff report regularly to the Board on progress towards Strategic Initiatives. The delivery of these strategies will be supported by detailed action plans contained within the School Development Plan.





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