Adventist® Education
New Zealand Pacific



ADVENTIST EDUCATION

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND, PACIFIC


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Welcome to Adventist Education in Aotearoa New Zealand and across the Pacific!



Introduction

Seventh-day Adventist education in New Zealand Pacific is shaped by the deep belief that all of life and learning is grounded in God's story. We believe education is more than the pursuit of knowledge - it is about shaping who we are becoming and how we participate in God's work. In a changing world, Adventist education remains both grounded and responsive, speaking to the needs of each learner and of the times and places in which we live. In our schools every learner is known, valued, and invited into a story of love, restoration, and hope. This booklet outlines the philosophy, purpose, and beliefs that guide our schools, shaping the way we teach, live, and grow as scripture-shaped communities.

History and Context

Adventist education is part of a global movement which began over 150 years ago with a commitment to providing education shaped by a Biblical worldview – one that nurtures the whole person and prepares young people for lives of faith, purpose, and service as part of the Seventh-day Adventist church community. Today this vision is expressed through a worldwide network of schools, colleges, and universities.

In Aotearoa New Zealand and across the Pacific today Adventist education is lived out in local communities, shaped by the cultures, stories, and relationships of the region. Our schools work together as a connected system, welcoming and supporting families who share our mission and vision, and nurturing young people who know they are loved by God, understand their place in His story and are equipped to participate in His work.

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NZPUC Philosophy of Adventist Education

We are story-formed people, shaped by the Biblical narrative to understand God's activity in the world: creation and the fall, Jesus' gift of redemption, and God's work of restoration, so that all may find rest, joy, and purpose with Him now and into eternity. The invitation to know God, accept His gift of salvation, and partner with Him in His work at this moment in history is the foundation of Seventh-day Adventist mission and the heart of Adventist education.

Every learner is made in God's image, deeply loved, and designed to flourish as a whole person – mind, body, and heart. Education is more than academics; it is part of God's redemptive work, shaping learners to participate in God's onging work of renewal as they grow into the fulness of who they were created to be. In Christ-centered learning communities, faith, formation, and curruclum are woven together so that wisdom, character, and influence grow alongside knowledge and skill.

Adventist schools exist to support the home by cultivating environments where students thrive as learners and as people of faith, equipped to live justly, love compassionately, serve generously and care for all of creation as they join God's mission.

This philosophy forms the foundation for our purpose, shapes the way we teach and learn, guides the vision we hold for our students, and defines the impact we seek in the world.

"He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together." Colossians 1:17



WHY
- the reason we exist

The purpose of Adventist education is to invite learners into God's story, where they discover their identity in Christ and explore their place in His kingdom. Here they are formed as whole people and equipped to participate in God's work.

Purpose Statement: To invite learners to participate in God's story.

WHAT WE SEE
- the future we imagine for students

We envision flourishing learners who know they are created in God's image and deeply loved. They are young people growing in faith, wisdom, and character, equipped with knowledge and skills, and learning to live with courage, compassion and purpose. In our vision, students discover their identity and embrace their place and purpose in God's kingdom. As they move beyond school, they continue to live as people of hope and integrity, shaping families, workplaces, and communities marked by justice, care and renewal.

Vision Statement: Thriving learners who know their identity in Christ, and live with joy, hope and purpose.

SO WHAT
- the difference we desire to make

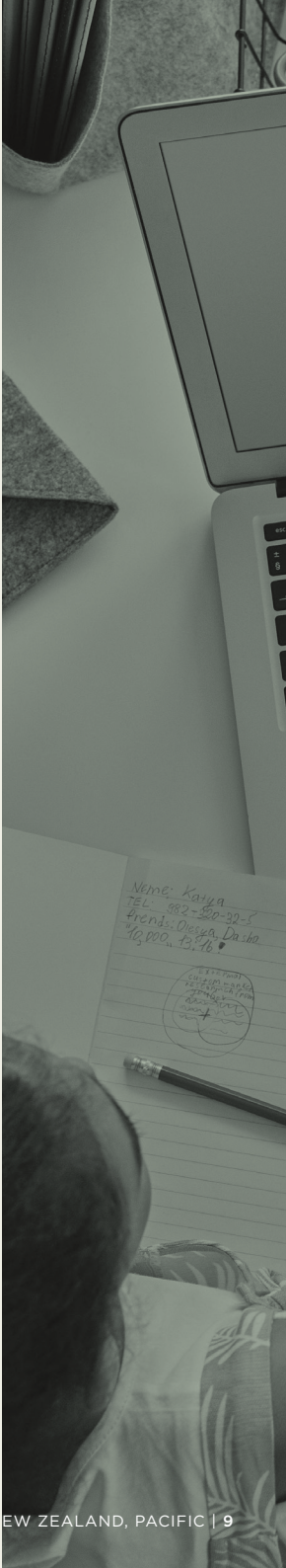
Through Adventist education, lives and communities are transformed by young people who have been shaped by God's story, His love and His power. Their influence brings healing and wholeness as they help to build communities marked by joy, compassion, and hope. They choose to think deeply, act justly, serve generously, care for creation, and share the gospel in partnership with God. The impact of Adventist schools is seen in people and places being renewed and transformed through Jesus' kingdom work.

Impact Statement: Lives and communities transformed

HOW
- the distinctive way we live out our vision and purpose

We live out our vision and purpose by nurturing whole -person growth in Christ-centered learning communities where the truth, beauty and wisdom of God's word is central. In our schools, faith and learning are intentionally woven together so that every subject, relationship, and experience helps students to grow in wisdom, character, and service. Our way is shaped by the gospel of the kingdom, and our culture is marked by belonging and care, hope and purpose, community and service, and faithfulness with integrity.

Mission Statement: We nurture wholeness and hope in Christ-centered communities, weaving together faith and learning to grow people of wisdom, faith and influence.





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Adventist Education Theological Framework

Scripture as the Foundation

We believe the Bible is God's gift and revelation. It tells the story of God's activity in the world: creation, the fall, redemption through Jesus, the calling and work of His people, Jesus' soon return, and the promised restoration of all things. This story gives meaning, direction, and hope to all people, everywhere.

> *Colossians 1:16–17 (ESV): "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."*
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> *Revelation 21:5 (ESV): "And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'"*

The Image of God

We believe every person is created in God's image, of infinite worth, and deeply loved. Human identity and purpose are found in reflecting God's character, living the life He created us for, and joining His mission.

> *Genesis 1:27 (ESV): "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Ephesians 2:10 (ESV): "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*

Christ at the Centre

We believe Jesus is the centre of the Scripture story and the source of wisdom, truth, and life. His life, death and resurrection reveal the depth and reach of God's love and power making possible the forgiveness, restoration, and transformation of individuals and of all creation.

> *John 14:6 (ESV): "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" Colossians 2:2–3 (ESV): "...that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."*

Church and Mission

We believe God gathers His people into communities of faith where love, grace, and service are practiced and witnessed. Each person is equipped by the Spirit with a variety of gifts for kingdom work and living. We are sent to play our part in God's mission of transformation and restoration.

> *John 13:34–35 (ESV): "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Matthew 28:19–20 (ESV): "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*



The Gospel of the Kingdom

We believe Jesus revealed the good news of God's kingdom, His reign of blessing that is both present now, and still to come in its fullness. The values of the kingdom, which Jesus both lived and proclaimed invite God's people to embody justice, compassion, peace, and renewal. As disciples, we are called to seek first His kingdom, and reflect Jesus in the way we live.

> *Matthew 9:35 (ESV): "'And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction," Micah 6:8 (ESV): "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

Wholeness and Rest

We believe God desires wholeness for all people and creation – restored relationships with Him, with others, with self, and with the world. The Seventh-day Sabbath is God's gift of rest, renewal, and belonging, reminding us of creation, celebrating redemption, and pointing to the ultimate restoration of all things.

> *Hebrews 4:9-10 (ESV): "So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his." John 14:27 (ESV): "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."*



Cosmic Conflict

We believe the Bible reveals a real and ongoing battle between good and evil, truth and deception, shaping human history and every heart. Though Jesus has defeated the powers of evil, the battle for each heart is still being played out. As they anticipate the final end of the conflict, God's faithful people bear witness before the world of God's truth and good character through their trust, worship and allegiance.

> *Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) " For we do not wrestle with flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." Revelation 12:11 (ESV)"And they have conquered...by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony..."*

The Hope of New Creation

We believe history is moving toward the soon return of Christ, the end of the world as we know it, and the ultimate renewal of all things. This hope shapes our present, inspiring joy, resilience, and lifelong discipleship as we live and work in anticipation of God's kingdom fully come.

> *Romans 8:19, 21 (ESV): "For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God... that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God." Revelation 21:5 (ESV): "And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' "*

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