

ENROLMENT PROCEDURE

Victoria Baptist Bible College 328 Bayswater Road, Bayswater North Vic 3153 Email: study@vbbc.org.au Phone: 0411 813 029

To enrol, you are required to:

- 1. Complete the College's Application Enrolment form, giving personal and educational information.
- 2. Include a one or two page description of your Christian testimony, your involvement in the life of your church, and your reasons for wishing to undertake further Christian study.
- 3. Include a completed Church Authorisation Form completed by your pastor on behalf of your church. You cannot enrol without it.
- 4. Two personal references (one of whom must be your pastor)

APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT

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TITLE: (please circle) Mr. Mrs. Miss Othe	er: DATE OF BIRTH: / /	
SURNAME:	GIVEN NAMES:	
ADDRESS:		
	POSTCODE:	
PHONE (HOME):	PHONE: (WORK):	
MOBILE PHONE:	EMAIL:	
PASTOR'S NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
	POSTCODE:	
PHONE (HOME):	PHONE: (WORK):	
MOBILE PHONE:	EMAIL:	
NAME OF REFERENCE:		
ADDRESS:		
	POSTCODE:	
PHONE (HOME):	PHONE: (WORK):	
MOBILE PHONE:	EMAIL:	
Please tick your marital status: Single: Engaged: Married: Widowed:	Remarried: Separated: Divorced:	
Name of Spouse (if applicable):		
Is your spouse in agreement with your enrolment? Yes: No:		
Number of children (if applicable):		
Please tick the highest level of secondary schooling you have completed (or equivalent):		

Year 10: Year 11: Year 12: Tertiary study (give details):

Name of Course of Study for which you are enrolling (one year or three year):

By signing this form you affirm the following: (1) that you are in agreement with the Statement of Beliefs (i.e., the Doctrinal Statement) including the statement on the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements and the statement on ecclesiastical separation, (2) that you will abide by the Standards of Conduct of VBBC, (3) that you are not a member of a secret society, party or lodge, and (4) that the above information is true and accurate to the best of your ability.

Signature of Applicant

THE CHURCH AUTHORISATION FORM

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Dear Pastor,

We believe in the importance and independence of the local church. The following student is applying to enrol at Victoria Baptist Bible College. We ask that you complete this form affirming your agreement with the Statement of Beliefs of Victoria Baptist Bible College and your willingness to work with the college in helping the student to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and to prepare to serve Him.

The Prospective Student's Name:

Dear VBBC,

We understand that the college endeavours to work closely with the student's local church. Therefore we affirm that the prospective student is a member of our church in good standing and we affirm that:

- We believe that the student has shown the necessary leadership capabilities, faithfulness and maturity to undertake this course of study. The student is a member in good standing of this church. We, as a church, are willing to work with the student.
- We agree with the college on ecclesiastical separation. The Doctrinal Statement of Victoria Baptist Bible College says: "We believe in the independence and autonomy of the local church. Compromising involvements with groups such as the World Council of Churches are contrary to the biblical admonition to 'come out from among them, and be separate'."
- We have read and are in agreement with the doctrinal statement of the Victoria Baptist Bible College.

Signed by the pastor on behalf of the church:

CHURCH NAME:

ADDRESS:

POSTCODE:

PHONE (HOME): MOBILE PHONE: PHONE: (WORK): EMAIL:

Signature:

DATE: / /

COLLEGE INFORMATION

The Aim of the College

The College aims to equip men and women to serve God in and through the local church by helping believers to mature in the faith and in sharing the Gospel with a world in real need of a Saviour. The Bible is our authority, for whatever the Bible says is true. We believe that properly trained people not only develop in knowledge of the Word but also develop in character. For that reason, we require that the students have the support of their home church where they can exercise their abilities and develop into effective servants of the Lord.

Local Church Service

Students are expected to be actively involved in the ministry of a local church that is in agreement in doctrine and in spirit with VBBC. This includes both faithfulness in attendance and participation in ministry opportunities.

Standards and Conduct

While believing in the freedom of conscience concerning Christian conduct in those things not expressly commanded or forbidden in Scripture, Victoria Baptist Bible College wants to help students to develop spiritual discernment which harmonizes with the Scriptural principles. In addition, the College reserves the right to require students to subscribe to standards that are believed necessary to create the campus atmosphere and community character that is desired.

In applying for admission, all candidates are required to sign this statement to the effect that they will gladly adhere to the moral and scholastic standards of the school. As a minimum requirement the student is obliged:

1. To utilise his or her time to the best possible advantage by careful study, participation in spiritual activities and Christian service responsibilities, faithful attendance at church, maintenance of healthy living practices and balanced time at home and recreation.

2. To exercise care in choices of entertainment and activities so that the student is not participating in those things which could cause one to 'stray from the words of knowledge' (Proverbs 19:27), lead another to stumble (Romans 14:21) or damage the testimony of the Lord Jesus, their local church, the student, or the school (1 Timothy 3:7; 4:12). For example, gambling, illegal drugs, drinking alcoholic beverages, attendance at discos, night clubs, pubs and viewing pornographic and erotic media are not permitted.

3. To avoid every form of dishonesty, including lying, stealing, cheating on examinations or assignments, failure to meet financial obligations promptly, and negligence in the performing of duties in the place of employment.

Should a question arise about the legitimacy of some activity or behaviour, please discuss it with the Principal. When students enrol, they agree to live within the framework of the school's standards of conduct. While some may not have personal convictions in accord with all of these standards, agreeing to them obligates the student to assume responsibility for honourable adherence to them while under the jurisdiction of the College. It should, of course, be understood that any behaviour, either on campus or away, which indicates that a student has disregard for the spirit of the school standards, would be sufficient reason to ask him to withdraw from the school.

Dress and Appearance

When VBBC accepts students, it assumes the responsibility to help them in their spiritual, moral and intellectual development so that they will be well prepared servants of Jesus Christ. Standards of appearance and dress are not a test of spirituality, but they do serve to promote godly character and a good testimony in the community. Students who do not comply will be warned by the Principal. Continued failure to comply will result in dismissal from classes.

Students are asked to comply with the following:

Men		
	Hair	Kept neat and reasonably short.
	Shoes	No thongs or runners.
	Trousers	No jeans.
	Shirt	With a collar and tie.
		A tie is not required for evening classes.
	Beard/Moustache	Neat and trimmed.
Women		
	Shoes	No thongs or runners
	Dress or Skirt	Below the knee in length
	Modesty in dress and moderation in use of cosmetics and jewellery.	

The Doctrinal Statement of the College

I. The Scriptures

- 1. All 66 books of the Bible in its original documents are the inspired Word of God, without any errors in their statements. It is the complete revealed Word of God for this age.
- 2. More than merely 'becoming' God's Word through an experience, every word of the Bible is definitively the inerrant, infallible, eternal Word of God.
- 3. The Bible is to be interpreted in a literal, normal manner.

II. God

1. There is one true and living God eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

III. Jesus Christ

- 1. He is the only begotten Son of God who took upon Himself flesh by way of the virgin birth, and dwelt among men here on this earth. He was at one and the same time fully God and man.
- 2. Jesus Christ died on the cross as a propitiatory sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. He arose bodily from the tomb, and ascended back into Heaven, and is now at the right hand of the Father, carrying on His ministry of intercession.
- 3. We believe in the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ: His pre-tribulational return in the air for the church and His pre-millennial return to earth to set up His kingdom.

IV. Holy Spirit

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1. The Holy Spirit is a divine person who convicts of sin, righteousness and judgement; bears witness to the truth and is the agent of the new birth. He seals, empowers, guides, teaches,

bears witness to, sanctifies and helps the believer, indwelling every true child of God from the moment of salvation.

- 2. Even though a Christian may sin, being attracted by the world, the flesh or the devil, the Holy Spirit continues to indwell such a one, though He be grieved.
- 3. Spiritual gifts are distributed to each believer by the Holy Spirit as He determines. The sign gifts (healing, working of miracles, tongues and the interpretation of tongues) are no longer being given today, as they were temporary in nature.

V. Satan

- 1. Satan is a living, personal being; he is the god of this world and the prince of the power of the air. Satan is the author of sin and he and his angels shall be eternally punished.
- 2. As a believer is indwelt and sealed by the Holy Spirit, he cannot be possessed by a demon. Deliverance ministries to Christians are therefore pointless.

VI. Mankind

1. Each member of the human race is fallen, sinful and lost, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for salvation.

VII. Salvation

- 1. Man is saved by grace through faith and nothing of man enters into his salvation.
- 2. As God's sovereignty does not negate man's freedom and responsibility, all men are invited genuinely to believe and be saved.
- 3. Every true child of God possesses eternal life, and cannot lose his salvation.

VIII. Resurrection

1. There will be a resurrection of the saved and of the lost; of the saved unto eternal life, and of the lost unto eternal conscious punishment.

IX. Judgement

- 1. We believe that everyone, saved and unsaved, shall face God in Judgement
- 2. According to the Scriptures, the judgement of the saved will be separate from the judgement of the unsaved.
- 3. At the judgement seat of Christ believers will be rewarded according to their manner of life as Christians. They shall be rewarded or suffer loss of reward according to their works.
- 4. All unsaved shall be judged according to their works and cast into the lake of fire to suffer forever. This is called the Great White Throne Judgement

X. The World to Come

1. We believe that the end of this present world will come by fire, and the world to come will be eternal.

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- 2. In the world to come there will be two eternal places: a place of endless joy for all the people of God who have been saved by
- 3. His grace, and a place of endless punishment for all who have never been reconciled to God by the blood of Christ.

XI. The Local Church

- 1. The local church is an assembly of born again baptised believers united in organisation to practise New Testament ordinances, to meet together for worship, prayer, fellowship, teaching, and a united testimony; and to actively engage in carrying out the Great Commission.
- 2. The church and government each have definite and distinct spheres of responsibility.
- 3. The ordinances given to the local church are baptism by immersion, and the Lord's supper, a continuing memorial of the broken body and shed blood of Christ, until He returns.
- 4. There are two offices in the local church: pastor (also referred to as bishop or elder) and deacon. When there is more than one pastor, one of them will have a senior role as an administrative head. Pastors and deacons are to be men.
- 5. We believe in the independence and autonomy of the local church.
- 6. Compromising involvements with groups such as the World Council of Churches are contrary to the biblical admonition to 'come out from among them, and be separate'.