

The Vision of Delta Christian School

EQUIPPING CHILDREN FOR LIFE

We, at Delta Christian School, together with the home and church, seek to equip and nurture our children for a life of joyful Christian service, based on God's word. We strive to create an environment in which each person can discover and celebrate their uniqueness and appreciate the gifts and needs of others. Our children are led to discover the wonders of God's creation, to develop a Christian perspective of life and to critically weigh the issues of the day. Recognizing our God given responsibility, it is our purpose to train our children to serve God and neighbour and to educate them to be faithful stewards of God's world.

Our Tradition

Delta Christian school was founded in 1954 by parents who believed that the education of their children was too important to leave in the control of a secular system. School started in 1954 with one teaching Principal, 17 students and 8 grades. By God's grace, Delta Christian School celebrated 60 years of Christ-centred education in 2014!

Growth peaked in the late '60s followed by a time which saw many young families migrating to more affordable homes in the Fraser Valley.

Excellent air quality, sunny skies and close proximity to Vancouver has made Ladner an attractive community for families. The construction boom and population surge of the past decade forced Delta Christian to construct a new facility in 1994. This modern facility can accommodate a student population of 350.

Delta Christian School holds memberships in Christian Schools International, the Society of Christian Schools of BC, and the Federation of Independent Schools Associations of BC. We are a parent controlled school and our membership, our student body and our staff represent a broad spectrum of church denominations.

At Delta Christian School we believe that we are an extension of the Christian home and, together with the Christian Church, work to reinforce the faith and values of the home.

Delta Christian School Society

Article 1 - Name

The name of the Society is the Delta Christian School Society.

Article 2 - Purpose

The Purpose of the Society is to establish and maintain a school or schools not subject to any ecclesiastical body nor controlled by the State, but belonging to and controlled by the Society in order to provide for the education of children according to the Word of God as interpreted by the Reformed Standards so that such students may occupy their places worthily in society, church and state, and in the event of dissolution of the Society for any cause, its assets, after paying all of its liabilities, shall be donated to such charitable Christian educational causes or organizations in Canada as the Society may determine. The provision with reference to dissolution is unalterable.

Article 3 - Location

The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried on in the Municipality of Delta, British Columbia.

(A copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the society are included in this registration package)

Our Parents Speak

Delta Christian has been a tremendous blessing and benefit to our family. We chose Delta Christian School because it is a Christ-centered school with a caring Staff that educates and prepares its students spiritually, academically and physically in a safe environment.

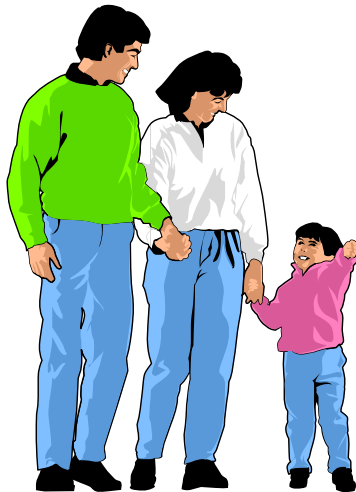
- Wayne & Leah Butner, Ladner Baptist Church

We like DCS for many reasons: the first being that the school is committed to a Christ-centered education. This is evidenced by a highly committed Christian staff. DCS has a staff that genuinely cares about our children and their walk with the Lord. They find many creative ways to introduce the children to God's world and his plan of salvation. We are very impressed not only with the academic program but athletics, music and other fine arts. We are also happy that DCS is a parent-run school. Parents are encouraged to be involved and for us that is very special as we love to share our child's education. We always feel welcome at DCS. Lastly, we enjoy sending our son to a school that is not only a part of our neighbourhood, but is a part of the community. There is a great sense of belonging.

- Peter and Lisa Somerville, St. John's Church Shaughnessy

We have been a part of the community of Delta Christian School now for eight years. From the start we felt welcomed by the teachers and other parents. I feel confident in the quality of education our children receive, but what touches me most is the expanded positive influence in their spiritual growth. Each year as I observe what Delta Christian is doing for our children, I want to give back. It is the children of the whole school community, who inspire us to volunteer our time, donate our money and offer support in whatever way we can. All of these children are our future.

- Walt and Wendy Lawrence, Cedar Park Mennonite



Educational Program

Ministry Requirements

Delta Christian School is classified as a Group I Independent school. To qualify for this classification, the school meets the following requirements:

- All teachers meet BC teacher certification requirements.
- Delta Christian meets and exceeds the instructional time requirements of the Ministry
- Delta Christian addresses the Ministry's learning outcomes for the core areas of Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, Math and French as a second language.
- Delta Christian receives a complete Ministry evaluation every six years.

Curriculum

Although we are required to meet the learning outcomes of the core areas established by the Ministry of Education, we have the freedom to integrate these learning outcomes in a way that reflects our philosophy of Christian education. Our curriculum acknowledges and honours God in all ways. We believe that God is an integral part of every aspect of our lives, including learning. For example, our Science units recognize God as Creator of all things, great and small and reminds our students that each of them has a God-given responsibility to care for His creation. Our Social Studies curriculum interprets all of our relationships within the context of our relationship with God and with our fellow image bearers. We also offer a Biblical Studies program at each grade level in addition to classroom devotional time.

Staff

Our staff is composed of individuals who have committed their lives to serving Jesus Christ at school as well as in their church communities. As well, teachers hold BC College of Teachers or Independent School Certification. Each is also required to complete five courses in Christian Perspectives in Learning.

Facility

Delta Christian School is a modern facility. Its design includes rooms for music and art, a bright spacious gymnasium with a cushioned floor, a modern computer lab and a well-stocked library.

Tuition and Other Fees

September 2014 Tuition Fees

Delta Christian School is recognized by the BC Ministry of Education as a Group I Independent school and as such receives a per student grant that equals 50% of the operating grant given public schools within the school district. All capital expenses, including land acquisition and building construction must be financed separately.



Receiving Group I level funding allows Delta Christian School to maintain tuition fees at an affordable level. Below is the tuition fee structure for the 2014/2015 school year. The schedule of tuition fees for the next school year will be reviewed at the annual Society meeting held in May of each year. Rates are subject to increase each year.

Students	1	2	3+
Tuition	\$ 5,975.00	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 8,725.00
12 month payment plan	\$ 498.00	\$ 616.70	\$ 726.75
10 month payment plan	\$ 597.50	\$ 740.00	\$ 872.50

In light of the current situation for most schools in BC, tuition fees must be paid by pre-authorized debits through your bank account. Payments must be dated the 1st of each month or another suitable specific day of the month (e.g. 15th). Agreement to pay forms must be completed and submitted before your child(ren) begin classes.

Membership Fee

The Societies Act of BC requires our Society to maintain a membership list. Full members may participate on school committees and serve on the Board. Full membership requires one year of Associate membership, attendance at the orientation sessions, and signing a Parent Acknowledgement Form.

Registration Fee

The cost of registration is \$200 per family. This fee is due at the time of registration and is non-refundable. As long as children are continuously enrolled at Delta Christian School, re-registration is not required.

Occasional Fees

From time to time, students are invited to participate in special projects or events which require additional funds. You will be advised when such costs arise.

Tuition Reductions

Families with children attending both DCS and another SCSBC Christian School will have their tuition reduced by 30%. Tuition paid in full by September 15 will be reduced by 4%.

Income Tax Receipts

In most cases, a significant portion of the tuition fees will be deemed a charitable donation for Income Tax purposes. Official income tax receipts will be issued in February based on a calendar year on eligible amounts.