

Religious Freedom is part of Australian Culture and our country's Christian heritage underpins the values of the Bible and the importance of education. Jesus proved to be the most inclusive leader in history as the foundation of his teaching was embracing love not political constraints.

Parents of the children who attend Christian schools do so for the core values that the Bible teaches and which they expect to find lived out and taught by the knowledgeable teachers employed there. Many of these same parents identify the importance of educating their children in matters of faith more important than academic goals.

Teachers of Christian education, whether in Math, English or Christian Living teach from the conviction of their faith which dwells in their hearts. It cannot be replicated by those who do not have a living relationship with the Saviour, Jesus Christ as Christian teaching springs out of the heart, within which Jesus resides.

If Religious Freedom is to be aligned with the Australian way of life it must not prevent parents from choosing a school that maintains Christian beliefs and teachers of their faith, within the educational framework. As is in any professional sphere, employees are chosen according to qualifications and their ability to deliver the service required. Only teachers who hold inherent skills gained through their authentic experience with Jesus Christ can satisfactorily deliver educational services in a school that imbeds Christian faith and belief within the ethos of their school. To inhibit the choice of Christian teachers within a Christian school framework, would strangle a parent's freedom to choose an education which nurtures their desired parental values and spiritual beliefs to guide their child's future.