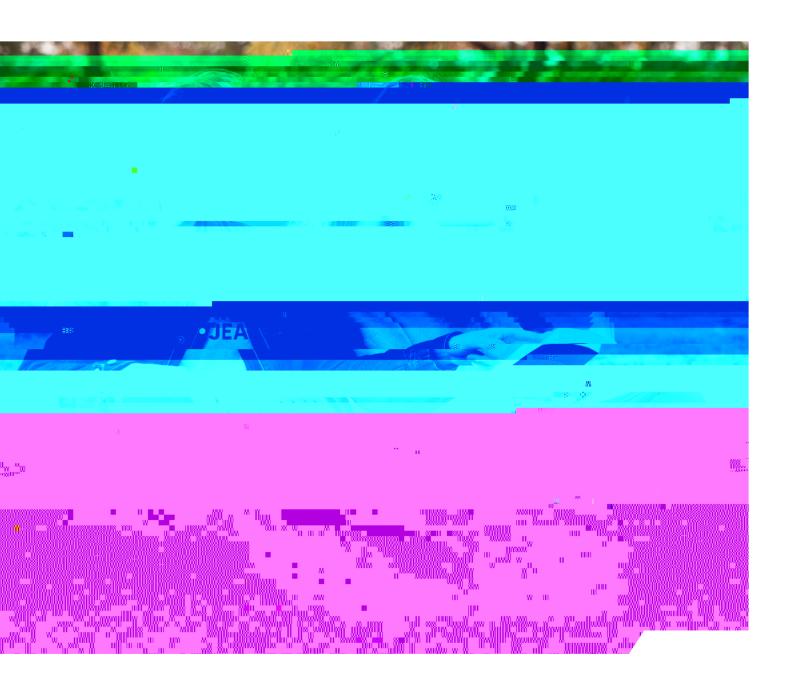
# Strategic Plan







For over three decades, CHC has provided quality Christian education. CHC has an open enrolment policy and attracts students from various christian denomination and from all states and territories in Australia as well as a growing international market. CHC currently has students enrolled across f ve disciplines including Business, Education, Ministries, Social Sciences and Humanities.

CHC continues to excel in the provision of high-quality learning experiences within a learning environment informed by Biblical Christian values and beliefs, and the developing of sought-after graduates who understand what it means to live and work with Christian worldview perspectives.

CHC was founded in 1986 by the International Network of Churches (INC), formerly known as Christian Outreach Centre, and was a vision birthed by Order of Australia recipient, Emeritus Professor Brian Willis, who sought to re-imagine how people think about human fourishing, vocation, calling and the integration of faith and learning across a range of disciplines and fields of study.



### **Our Identity**

CHC lays the foundations for all students to think Christianly about their chosen disciplines and careers. CHC seeks for all students to grow in their knowledge of God so that they are equipped to think, relate and work in ways that consistently refect the mind of Christ. CHC seeks to cultivate the common good and contribute to social transformation through the head (cognitive), heart (wholistic human beings) and hands (actions taken for the common good) of each graduate.

#### **Our Purpose**

Transforming people to transform their world through distinctively Christian Higher Education

#### **Our Mission**

The formation of people in Christian character, scholarship and leadership to inf uence their world for God and the common good

#### **Our Vision**

To be a relevant and redemptive voice influencing Australian society for God and the common good through the integration of faith, learning and scholarship

#### Attributes of a CHC Graduate

- Commitment to a Christian worldview, to Christian discipleship, and to living in accordance with Christian ideals;
- · A well-developed ethical framework supported by Scripture;
- A sound academic knowledge base which includes the theoretical foundations of the relevant discipline(s);
- Ef ective professional practice, through the application of professional knowledge and skills, and a commitment to the ethics and values of the relevant profession;
- · Ef ective interpersonal and communicative skills;
- A well-developed capacity for reasoning, insight, critique, analysis of complex ideas and ref ection upon practice;
- A habit of intellectual curiosity, a questioning mind, a commitment to continuing learning and an understanding of how to learn and acquire new knowledge;
- A commitment to good citizenship, to making a difference in the world and to serving others.

CHC's Strategic Themes

**Strengthening Culture** 

A Christ-centred academic experience

**Promoting Excellence** 

A leading Christian institution

**Expanding Influence** 

Community Engagement for the Common Good

#### OUR STUDENTS

Our students will be equipped to be agents of change in their world through Christ-centred experiences that include student life, learning experiences and a broader community engagement. While CHC achieves high levels of student and graduate satisfaction, we want to raise the bar. We want our graduates to be recognised as highly skilled, knowledgeable contributors to human f ourishing for the common good.

#### **OUR PEOPLE**

Our people are the staf and faculty of CHC, and they are our biggest asset. We want CHC to be a preferred place of employment with a reputation for high levels of staf satisfaction. We want to recruit and retain 'best in f eld' Christian employees. They will work within a positive work culture and feel as if they are an important part of a team working towards a transformative vision, making a dif erence which matters. CHC's people have a focus on God's kingdom purposes.

#### **OUR COMMUNITY**

Our community (including alumni, employers, International Network of Churches, the wider church community, CHC Council members, professional bodies, regulators and the general community) will express high levels of conf dence in the corporate and academic governance of CHC. They will refer students to CHC with conf dence in course outcomes, employability rates and student experience as measured against national benchmarks. Our community will have the conf dence to invest in CHC. CHC's vision represents more than words on a page but underpins a deliberate attempt to develop a community that seeks to know God more and looks to serve the wider community in ways that are honouring to Him.

#### **OUR PROCESSES**

Our processes will be student-centric and will contribute to positive and safe student and staf experiences, facilitate ef cient operations, develop institution-

## H r Purpose E u ton

CHC encourages all students to shape their perspective about their chosen disciplines and careers by, through, and with a higher purpose while growing in their knowledge of God so that they are equipped to think, relate, and work in ways that consistently reflect the mind of Christ.

Focus Area: **STUDENT LIFE** 

#### Focus Area: INFLUENCE

Our inf uence helps shape the public discourse about Christianity. It is carried by our graduates, staf and faculty, through excellence in contribution to workplaces, communities and research, to public debate, policy formation and governments. While still a small provider of Christian higher education, by leveraging the expertise of staf, faculty, students and networks of innovative Christian thinkers and educators, CHC aims for greater influence and engagement.

		Strengthening Culture	Promoting Excellence	Expanding Inf uence
310 Stud	Our lents	3.1.1 Build a scholarly and innovation culture among students.	3.1.2 Engage students and graduates in committees and projects at every possible level of CHC.	3.1.3 Build ef ective alumni networks to connect graduates to each other and to CHC.
3.20 Peop		3.21 Build a scholarly and innovation culture among faculty and staf.	3.2.2 Create further opportunities for meaningful and strategic community engagement by faculty and staf.	3.23 Increase the presence of CHC at national and state conferences as sponsors and presenters.
3.30 Com	Our nmunity	3.3.1 Develop deep relationships with key strategic networks and partners connected across learning and teaching and research.	3.3.2 Leverage our national and international networks and partners to develop a policy-inf uencing think tank.	3.3.3 Improve the quality and impact of our community engagement ef orts, consistent with our Christian ethos.
3.40 prod	Our Desses	3.4.1 Ensure systems and processes are in		



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