ESCE BOARD POLICY SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION Title: Vision, Mission, Pillars, Core Values

School Vision

Accepting Christ's Invitation to Live for Renewal

School Mission

Responding to God's Grace, ECS challenges students, through Christ centred education, to actively play their role in God's story

ECS Pillars

A Pillar of Edmonton Christian Schools is its commitment to the development of biblical, restorative characteristics that can be used to live for renewal. They are sometimes referred to as Through-lines as they weave themselves to all of life. These characteristics include:

- justice seeking
- God worshiping
- idolatry discerning
- earth keeping
- beauty creating
- order discovering
- creation enjoying
- servant working
- community building
- image reflecting

Core Values

Core Values (Values that set us apart)

We are a learning community that values:

- being a place where all are loved, included, accepted, and encouraged to be joyful Christ followers.
- Christ-centred education, through which we seek wisdom to bring hope and renewal.
- students finding their place in God's story and using their gifts to seek truth with intellectual rigor and critical minds, in order to be kingdom builders and culture makers.

Aspirational Values (Values that make us who we are)

We are a community that values:

- being driven by vision and mission rather than mere efficiency.
- students deepening their faith commitment to Jesus and gaining foundational scriptural knowledge.
- students engaging the program of studies with joy and discernment.
- Christian teachers encouraging students to find personal and purposeful connections with God, and modelling Christ-like living.
- inclusivity and interdependence that is defined by God's love, peace, and grace.
- communication characterized by integrity and honesty that builds and heals.
- an ethos of stewardship replacing that of ownership.