

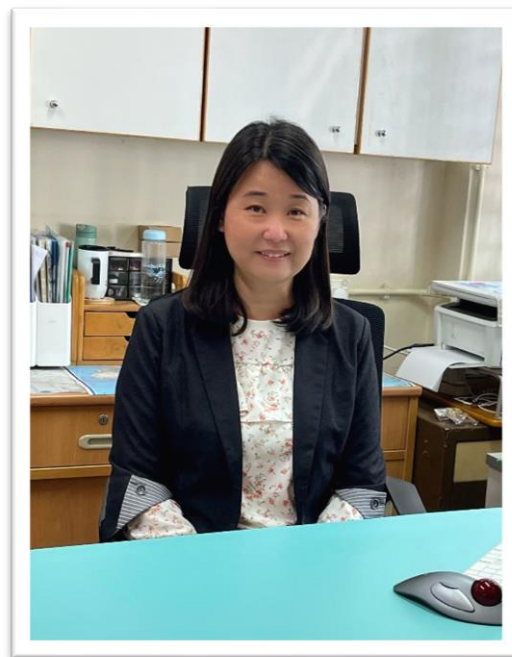
# Principal's Message

Greetings and Welcome to SALEM-Immanuel Lutheran College (ILC).

As the leader and steward of our school, I would like to share with you some of the core beliefs of ILC, and the new Three-year (2022-25) school development plan to carry out these values and help our students become capable, compassionate, and upstanding members of our society.

**Theme: Creating a future beyond boundaries 「創建未來無邊界」**

To start with, 'Faith' is vital. Let me share one of my life mottos with you. In biblical scripture, Hebrews 11:1 says, 'Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.' Faith is confidence in Him, our God. As our school mission states, we strive to 'Prepare students for the challenges in life'. Challenges are inevitable and there are many to come. The future is unknown. Yet, we believe that the best way to predict the future is to create it. In fact, the primary purpose of schooling is to empower teenagers to create their futures, to build independence and confidence; to be able to face adversity and treat the challenges they have as an opportunity to better themselves. We want to enable students to pursue their career goals and build their capacity to work or undertake further learning in the future.



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**Qualities needed for a better future: Self-management 管理自己, Adaptability 應對變幻, Ethical values 堅守價值 and Contributions 貢獻力量.**

## 1. Self-management

This skill helps you stay productive and find ways to embrace your independence. School should take an active role to cultivate students' self-management while students are entering adolescence. During adolescence, students experience physical changes. Their level of independence should match their growth. Otherwise, 'life is like going the wrong way on a moving sidewalk/ moving walkway/ travelator'. Without self-management, they will lag behind others and may stumble and fall.

## 2. Adaptability

Adaptability is defined as being able to adjust oneself readily to different conditions. Our school reminds students to take an active role to practice this skill for a higher chance of success. Adaptability is the secret to survival and staying ahead of their peers.

### 3. Ethical values

Which directions do we move toward? While a compass indicates physical directions, ethical values provide the moral compass by which we live our lives and make decisions. We encourage students to 'Do the right thing' because it is the right thing to do. We believe ethical decisions generate ethical behaviors and our actions serve as witness to Jesus Christ's sacrifice.

### 4. Contributions

Other than contributing to society, there are various meanings of this word which we can work for.

- something that is given to **help** a person, a cause, etc.
- something that is done to **cause something to happen**
- the act of **giving** something to people in need
- something that you do that helps to **achieve something** or to **make** it successful

While our world keeps on rotating, and time keeps on running as if on a sidewalk, I wish all ILCians will catch up with the times and be prepared. They will take proactive roles in their futures, treasure their time and their lives!