



## **SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Special Religious Education (SRE) is an integral part of the curriculum in government schools. Representatives of approved religious persuasions have an opportunity to provide SRE in every government school in NSW.

The content of SRE classes is specific to each religion or denomination. It is not the same as General Religious Education, which is a component of the Human Society and its Environment key learning area. General Religious Education involves learning about religions, the place of religion in society and the importance of religious beliefs for particular individuals and communities.

The religious persuasions providing SRE at our school, the arrangements made for them, and the contact persons are set out below. When you enrol your child you may, if you wish, nominate a SRE class for your child to attend. Your child will then automatically be placed in the relevant SRE class. You have the right then, or at any other time, to ask that your child be transferred to a different SRE class or be withdrawn from SRE.

The teachers who provide SRE have to be authorised by their religious persuasion and many of them have completed special training. They use material approved by their religious persuasion. As the teachers and the materials they use are authorised by the religious persuasions, not by the school, any concerns or questions about the content of the SRE classes should be referred to the relevant contact person listed below. If your question or concern is not addressed through this process please raise the matter with the school Scripture Coordinator.

Religion is an important element in the development of cultures and plays a significant role in the community. I trust that your child will benefit from the religious education opportunities provided.

Yours sincerely

Ms Deborah Rixon  
Head Teacher Welfare

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There are 2 scripture groups: One is Protestant scripture the other Catholic scripture. Each year group has approximately 8 scripture sessions, one per week. The timing of these is to be advised.

Students who do not do scripture are assigned a non-scripture group, in which they do private study supervised by a teacher.

Please tick below where applicable and print student's name and sign:

I do not wish my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Scripture class.

I wish my child \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Scripture class

Please tick

- Catholic  
 Protestant

Signed (Parent/Carer) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_