

SRE (SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION) - CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

Information for parents/guardians

Religious education is a longstanding part of the NSW school curriculum. This school encourages students to attend these lessons. This letter is written to you on behalf of the Christian SRE teachers. At this school we offer protestant and Catholic scripture for K-6 classes and Ethics is also available for primary classes, but the number of classes is limited due to availability of teachers.

Some FAQs about CHRISTIAN SRE:

What classes are offered?

There are classes for Protestant (Anglican, Baptist, Community, Presbyterian, Uniting etc.) as well as for Catholic.

What is involved in SRE classes?

In fun and varied lessons, children are able to learn about Christianity, explore God's Word in the Bible, learn that God loves them, and have their spiritual questions answered. Music, drama and art are included in the lessons. At Easter and at Christmas, there are special scripture assemblies led and performed by students.

How will Christian SRE benefit my child?

Scripture lessons provide students with guidelines in the areas of relationships, ethics and personal moral growth. Australia has a Christian heritage and Christian SRE helps children to understand their heritage, culture and language. They are also taught to care for their environment.

Where does the Christian curriculum come from?

The Protestant curriculum is produced by Anglican Youthworks and is approved by the Department of Education. For information regarding Protestant SRE, visit www.whysre.com.au.

The Catholic curriculum is developed by Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), and is approved by the Department of Education. For formation on the Catholic SRE see www.ccross.org.au.

Who teaches SRE and what are their qualifications?

Teachers are volunteers from local churches. Youthworks is responsible for the training and accreditation of Protestant SRE teachers.

The Catholic teachers are trained and accredited by the CCD, Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

What about the children's safety?

Anyone working with children is required to undergo a Police Working with Children Check. The records of this are kept by the school. In addition, teachers are required to undergo a course on Safe Ministry.

Will it cost me anything?

No. All Activity Books for children are provided by the local churches.

If your child does not attend SRE classes, he/she is being supervised by teachers, but there is no lesson being taught during that time, so no class work is missed.

We invite your child to join an SRE class.

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