



Dr Darrin Morgan
NSW Operations Director
FIRIS
PO Box 2296
DANGAR NSW 2309
religionsinschools@gmail.com

RML16/2823
RML16/3070

Dear Dr Morgan

I write in response to your recent letter, to the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education, regarding Special Religious Education (SRE) in NSW Government schools. The Minister asked that I reply on his behalf.

Regarding lesson content, the Religious Education Implementation Procedures state:

It is the responsibility of an approved provider to:

- *authorise the materials and pedagogy used by special religious education teachers.*
- *provide an annual assurance to the NSW Department of Education that authorised teachers are only using materials and pedagogy authorised by the provider.*
- *make lesson content accessible on a website or at least provide a program outline and curriculum scope and sequence documents.*
- *provide information about the content of lessons when requested by parents/caregivers/principals.*

The websites linked on the 'Organisations approved to provide Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW Government Schools' list are provided as a link to the home page of each of the providers. There is no requirement for the curriculum to be hosted on that website, the requirement is for it to be available on a website.

Parents/caregivers seeking information about lesson content for their child's SRE class, or prospective SRE class, should contact that provider of SRE.

The Department continues to work closely with providers of SRE in relation to their responsibilities and expectations.

Yours sincerely

Jason Miezis
Director, Early Learning and Primary Education

20 July, 2016