
CAULFIELD JUNIOR COLLEGE

'Committed to Educational Excellence'

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Dear Parents

Earlier this year parents were asked to complete the consent form for Special Religious Instruction ("SRI") which is issued by the Department of Education and Training. The form makes it clear that Special Religious Instruction is not compulsory for any student and is offered on an opt-in basis. At Caulfield Junior College, accredited instructors have been offered to CJC for Special Religious Instruction in the Catholic faith to be delivered by the Catholic Education Office, Protestant faith to be delivered by Access Ministries and in the Jewish faith to be delivered by the United Board of Jewish Education.

In considering whether to offer SRI: whether there are sufficient resources to deliver Special Religious Instruction and meet the requirements of the Ministerial Directive 141. Special Religious Instruction must be scheduled during school hours for no more than 30 minutes per week and be supervised by at least one teacher. Students not in Special Religious Instruction must also be adequately supervised, and engaged in educationally valuable, but extracurricular, activities.

Only 32% of students have opted in to participate in Special Religious Instruction and based on this small percentage, there are not enough students to conduct Special Religious Instruction at Caulfield Junior College in 2015. Because SRI needs to be supervised by another teacher (in addition to the person teaching SRI) we cannot adequately resource the program for the small amount of children. The teaching of SRI will be re-assessed annually but for the reasons above, I have decided not to run SRI at Caulfield Junior College in 2015.

Yours Sincerely



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Principal