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Dear Dr Morgan

I write in response to your emails of 13 September 2018, to Rod Megahey, A/Director, Early Learning and Primary Education, regarding Special Religious Education (SRE) in NSW Government schools.

As previously advised, SRE combined arrangements differ in local contexts and allow for organisations approved to provide SRE in NSW Government schools to combine their resources to teach SRE.

An SRE board/association is not synonymous with a combined arrangement and may have churches listed whose only role is to provide donations or support. Supporting churches are therefore not required to be an approved provider.

If you would like more information about a local SRE board/association, I suggest you contact them directly.

Principals are responsible for the implementation of the department's Religious Education Policy in their schools. If a parent/carer would like details of the approved provider, the school principal can provide the name and contact details of the approved provider or their local representative.

Parents/carers seeking information about lesson content for their child's SRE class, or prospective SRE class, should contact the relevant approved provider.

For more information about SRE and SEE, please visit the Religion and ethics website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>.

Any further correspondence on this issue will be noted and filed.

Yours sincerely

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