

## Important information

- The NSW Minister for Education and the Department have **no say** over what is taught during SRE or how it is taught
- SRE is **not delivered by teachers** employed by the NSW Department of Education but by people from churches, mosques, temples and synagogues, etc.
- A normal classroom teacher **does not need to be present** during SRE
- Stopping other students from being taught by their normal teachers during SRE is the Department's choice. It is **not** a requirement of the *NSW Education Act 1990*
- The Department relies on nothing more than the word of SRE providers that they are following child protection legislation

## Contact info

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## Who is FIRIS?

Fairness in Religions in School (FIRIS) is a group of parents, carers and citizens who want education about religions and non-religious worldviews in Australian public schools to be

- inclusive, not divisive or discriminatory
- respectful of the secular, pluralistic and multicultural nature of our public schools
- delivered without bias by professional teachers employed by the Education Department using materials developed by the relevant curriculum authorities

Therefore, in the interests of fairness –

**FIRIS wants the provisions for SRE in the NSW Education Act to be removed**

## What you can do

- **Take your child out of SRE.** FIRIS has a letter you can use on our website
- **Contact the Department** if you have any questions or concerns:  
phone: (02) 7814 2353  
email: [srecontact@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:srecontact@det.nsw.edu.au)
- **Contact FIRIS** for support or if you have any concerns regarding SRE  
**FIRIS can help you** write a letter of complaint to the Principal, his/her Director, or to your local member of Parliament

# Your rights and SRE in NSW public schools



# FIRIS

Fairness In Religions  
In School

## Your rights when enrolling

If Special Religious Education (SRE-‘scripture’) is available at the school, the principal **must** include in enrolment information

- current information about the SRE providers at the school
- internet links to the outlines of SRE lesson materials called ‘curriculum scope and sequence(s)’
- what the ‘alternative meaningful activities’ options are for students who do not go to SRE

## The SRE Participation Letter

If SRE is provided at your child’s school you **should** be given a copy of the school’s *SRE and SEE Participation Letter*

The *Participation Letter* **must** list all of the SRE and SEE (‘ethics’) providers at the school

Your child **must** be given ‘alternative meaningful activities’ until you return the *Participation Letter*. This means -

**Your child should not be placed in SRE without your written consent**

## Your general rights

- **You can say NO to your child taking part in SRE** using the *SRE and SEE Participation Letter* and/or writing to the Principal at any time
- **You can say NO to your child taking part in any religious activity**, including school prayers, by writing to the Principal at any time
- **Your child must be protected from being exposed to the content of SRE if you say NO** because the law says children taking part in SRE must be in a separate physical space from students who are not taking part
- **You can complain to the Principal** and/or their Director if the procedures and processes are not followed  
For letter templates and the sources for the information in this pamphlet, visit FIRIS’ website
- **You can complain to the NSW Minister for Education** and/or your local member of parliament if your child is placed in SRE without your written consent

## Your right to information

### What schools must tell you

School websites and newsletters **must** contain information about SRE including

- the names of each and every SRE provider at the school
- a link to the outline of lessons (curriculum scope and sequence documents) of each SRE curriculum used in the school
- what the alternatives are for students who do not go to SRE

This information **must** be on the ‘Learning at our school’ page of the school’s website

The school’s website should also have a link to each SRE provider’s website

### What providers must tell you

SRE providers **must** make available on their websites -

- the outline of their curriculum (‘scope and sequence’) in enough detail for you to be able to understand what goes on in their classes
- their complaints procedures
- information about the training and authorisation process/es for their instructors

