



### ENROLLING STUDENTS IN SRE PROCEDURE

Preference	Action
Completed religion question on the enrolment form which corresponds with an SRE option available.	Student enrolled in SRE- no SRE Participation Form sent home.
Completed religion question on the enrolment form which <b>DOES NOT</b> correspond with an SRE option available.	SRE Participation Form sent home
Completed religion question on the enrolment form with the answer <b>NONE</b>	SRE Participation Form sent home
Incomplete religion question on the enrolment form	SRE Participation Form sent home
SRE Participation Form returned with a chosen SRE program	Student enrolled in the chosen SRE program
SRE Participation Form is <b>NOT</b> returned	Student enrolled in the SRE program deemed most suitable.
SRE Participation Form returned withdrawing student from SRE	Parents invited to enrol students in SEE if available
	School provides Supervision for students not enrolled in SRE or SEE.

### **Information for parents/caregivers**

The school will inform parents/caregivers of the Special Religious Education programs available including details of the religious providers participating in the program at their school.

Parents/caregivers who chose for their children to opt out of Special Religious Education will receive details of alternative meaningful activities provided by the school, including the opportunity to attend special education in ethics where available.

### **Enrolment in special religious education**

1. Where a religion was nominated on the enrolment form, the student is enrolled in a special religious education class of the religious persuasion identified on the student's enrolment form.
2. When a particular religion nominated on enrolment is not available, parents/caregivers are informed of the Special Religious Education options at the school and invited to choose one or to opt out (using the form provided).
3. When a religion was not nominated or is not clear on enrolment, parents/caregivers are informed of the special religious education options at the school and invited to choose one or to opt out (using the form provided).
4. When the school has informed parents/caregivers of the options for special religious education and the parents/caregivers have not exercised their right to select an option, the student is enrolled in the Special Religious Education class deemed most suitable.
5. Where a parent/caregiver has decided to opt out of Special Religious Education, the parent/caregiver is informed of, and offered, alternative meaningful activities, including special education in ethics where available.
6. A parent/caregiver may at any time notify the school in writing that they do not wish their child to attend Special Religious Education.
7. Students are to continue in the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change in writing.

### Issues in addition to the Enrolment Form

#### Issues for SRE in primary schools:

- Data from new enrolment form regarding SRE numbers not being passed on to providers so they can plan for next year.
- Principals asking/insisting SRE be run before school or the last 30 minutes of the day.
- Principals not allowing information on SRE to go out as per *RE Implementation Procedures* p. 5.
- Other activities being run at the same time at SRE e.g. Vegetable gardening, carnivals
- SRE and SEE being offered together as equal options
- Schools schedule minor/major events on negotiated SRE days and do not give time in lieu when this occurs more than twice a term.
- Time for SRE is not 30 minutes “meaningful teaching time” (*RE Implementation Procedures*, p.4)
- Access to classroom Smart Board
- Communication with SRE providers regarding cancellation of classes
- Class lists not provided
- Adequate classroom facilities – tables, chairs, room to move
- Lack of storage for SRE workbooks

#### Issues for SRE in high schools:

- SRE is presented as an option to a “free period”
- Principals refuse access to a year group
- Principals insist on a seminar pattern for SRE rather than classes
- Students can go home if they don’t attend an SRE class at the end of the day
- Timetabling SRE classes to occur in the same period so that multiple teachers are needed

#### Additional Issues:

- Can we include with the list of providers contact details, or links to the providers websites, for parents to volunteer to help with SRE?
- Can SRE providers be notified when policies are updated?
- SRE providers would like consultation and be able to give feedback in the development of policies going forward.
- When SRE teachers are negotiating times with schools for SRE classes, we would like schools to recognise the volunteers time and service to the school.

### SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARTICIPATION FORM

Name of Student:

Dear Parent/ caregiver,

Our school provides Special Religious Education (SRE) as a valued part of our school life. The program is delivered and supported by representatives of our local religious providers and every teacher has completed a Working with Children Check and is appropriately trained and authorised by their religious institution.

We respect your right as a parent or caregiver to choose what is most appropriate for your child, including your right to opt out of participating in SRE. Please indicate your choice for SRE from the options available in our school as listed below. If you wish to withdraw your child from SRE please select the final option. If no preference is indicated, the school will enrol your child in the SRE program deemed most suitable unless the school is informed otherwise by you, as the parent/ caregiver.

**TICK ONE**    **OPTIONS** (insert options available at the school)

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Students will continue in the nominated SRE class each year and as the parent/caregiver you have the right to change your SRE preference or to withdraw your student from SRE at any time. A note to the Principal will effect this change.

Parents who opt-out of SRE will be invited to participate in Special Ethics Education (SEE) if available.

Regards,

Principal

Signature of Parent/caregiver: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## ENROLMENT FORM

### SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Special Religious Education (SRE) is provided by approved SRE providers in most Primary and Secondary Schools. Details are available from the school as well as provision for parents to opt out of SRE. This information may be used to plan for Special Religious Education*

Answering the next question is optional.

What is the student's religion?