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Dear Dr Morgan

I write in response to your email of 21 August 2019, to the Hon Sarah Mitchell MLC, Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning, regarding Special Religious Education (SRE) in NSW Government schools. The Minister has asked me to respond on her behalf.

It is the responsibility of an approved provider to:

- authorise the materials and pedagogy used by SRE teachers, have a process in place to manage other materials, including internet resources, identified by the SRE teacher
- make their curriculum scope and sequence(s) accessible on their website in sufficient detail for parents/caregivers and schools to be able to understand what is covered in SRE lessons
- provide the link to their website to the school so it can be placed on the school's website to be easily accessible to parents/caregivers
- provide information about the content of lessons when requested by parents/caregivers/principals
- have in place a system of authorised initial training, regular ongoing training and support which includes how to implement the approved provider's curriculum sensitively and in an age-appropriate manner
- make publicly available on their website their complaints procedures.

Parent/caregivers who would like to discuss the content of lessons should contact the approved provider.


The issues you have raised in relation to the Facebook posts have been forwarded to ChristianSRE.

As outlined in RM17/2517, Liberty Baptist Church is an approved provider and has met the current requirements to maintain approval.

Parent/caregivers retain the right to notify the school in writing that they do not wish their child to attend SRE or Special Education in Ethics (SEE). Schools provide meaningful activities with appropriate care and supervision for students not attending SRE or SEE.

Should you require any further information, you may wish to contact the SRE and SEE Officer, Early Learning and Primary Education, by telephone on 9244 5484 or email at srecontact@det.nsw.edu.au.

Yours sincerely



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