



# BEACON HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics Participation Letter

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents.

The school website [beaconhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://beaconhill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au) provides information on these options to support parent/carers choice.

A parent/carers may at any time notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision. Students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/carers has requested a change in writing.

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE), including the list of approved providers, please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>

If your preferred SRE or SEE option is not available please contact the approved provider. Students not attending SRE or SEE are given supervised alternative meaningful activities.

The following options are available at Beacon Hill Public School. Please select one option:

### SRE Options

- ☐ Option 1: Catholic Religious Education
- ☐ Option 2: Protestant Religious Education

OR

☐ Please check this box if you do not wish for your child to attend SRE. Your child will participate in alternative activities.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/carers: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/ETHICS CLASS OPTIONS 2021**

### **Definitions**

General Religious Education (GRE) is education about world religions, what people believe and how that belief affects their lives. It is taught mainly through the school curriculum. Special Religious Education (SRE) is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives of that persuasion. SRE is typically referred to as scripture in schools.

In all government schools, time is set aside for the religious education of children. At Beacon Hill Public School, students from K-6 attend 40 minute sessions each Wednesday. K-2 classes are held 9:05-9:45am, 3-4 classes are held 9:45-10:25am and 5-6 classes are held 10:25-11:05am.

Volunteers from various religious persuasions provide Special Religious Education (SRE), as nominated by parents/carers. These are known as scripture classes. Children of any religion can attend any of the options listed below.

### **Protestant**

In Protestant SRE our motto is 'Present a lesson and Represent Jesus.' We welcome all children interested in learning about the Christian faith. Kids will learn through a fun and engaging program, using drama, music and games. We read from the Bible to find out what God has to say in His message and how that applies to our lives. Our great team of teachers are from various local neighbourhood churches: Anglican, C3 Church, Baptist, Uniting and Presbyterian. They are DEC approved, SRE Accredited and trained, and super enthusiastic! We teach using the Anglican Youthworks Authorised Curriculum. We think your children will love it. For further information contact Jacqui Mikac: [Jacqui.mikac@myc3church.net](mailto:Jacqui.mikac@myc3church.net) or 9972 8688.

### **Catholic**

The Catholic teachers from the Warringah parish: St John's Narrabeena and St Kevin's Dee Why aim to assist families in revealing to the children the depth of God's love for us and his expectation that we love others, treating them as we would wish to be treated. The curriculum is taught through Scripture based stories, prayers, songs and activities. The Catholic practices of our community and the importance of the morals and values of Jesus are explained. Background preparation is given for the Sacraments which are available separately through specific programmes at either parish church. Catholic SRE encourages students to see themselves as God sees them, inherently good, full of potential and capable of being a positive force in our world. Please contact Warringah parish office on 9982 6536 for more information.

### **Non Scripture**

Under the provisions of Section 26 of the Education Act 1990, students may be exempt from attending religious education classes, on the basis of conscientious objection on religious grounds. Please indicate below if you would like your child to be exempt from attending scripture classes.