



Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) – 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 provides information on these options to support parent/carer choice. On the school enrolment form there is a question about 'Religion' where you record your child's religion. The question also allows for 'No Religion' to be recorded.

This information is used by the school to plan to the number of representatives from each religious group that are required to conduct Scripture classes during school time each Thursday. Scripture lessons, which fall under the 'SRE' banner, are 40 minutes in duration and are voluntary.

The school aims to offer a selection of SRE classes based on the indicated preferences of students and the availability of volunteer staff. Please note that there is no guarantee that religious groups will be in a position to provide instructors.

Most children attend Scripture classes at Wahroonga Public School and the students enjoy the classes. However, if you do not want your child to participate in scripture, there are other options.

Students not attending SRE are able to participate in Non-Scripture or, if there are enough volunteer teachers, Special Education in Ethics (SEE). There is currently a waiting list for Ethics classes.

Non-Scripture students are supervised in a different classroom during Scripture time on a Thursday and can work independently on homework, reading or private study depending on the availability of rooms and supervising teachers. Ethics classes are limited by the small number of trained volunteers who teach these classes. Typically there are not enough Ethics volunteers to teach the number of students who would like to participate in Ethics.

A parent/carer 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/carer 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.

The following options are available at Wahroonga Public School. Please choose one:

| SRE OPTIONS | OR | OR |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Option 1: Protestant (Anglican / Uniting Church) | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Scripture. Please check this box if you do not wish for your child to attend SRE. Your child will participate in meaningful activities. | <i>If you have declined for your child to attend SRE, and declined Non-Scripture, please tick below if you would like your child to attend SEE.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Option 2: Catholic | | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education in Ethics (please note there is a wait list) |

Student name: _____ Class: _____ Signature of parent/carer : _____ Date: _____