



WAHROONGA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SCRIPTURE CLASSES

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 in this space.

This information is used by the school to plan the number of representatives from each religious group that are required to conduct scripture classes during school time each Thursday. Scripture lessons are forty minutes in duration and are voluntary.

The school aims to offer a selection of special religious education (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 ‘The Bush School’ and the students enjoy the lessons. However, if you do not want your child to participate in the classes, please tick the “non scripture” box below.

NAME OF STUDENT _____ **CLASS** _____ **DATE** _____

In this school the following SRE classes are currently provided. Please indicate your preference by placing a tick next to the appropriate option.

SRE option	Tick selected class
Catholic Scripture	
Protestant Scripture: Anglican, Presbyterian and Uniting	
Non-Scripture	

If no provision of a scripture class is currently available in your stated religion, you might consider approaching a representative of that religion regarding involvement in the school’s SRE program. This involvement should be discussed with the principal and is conditional on the religion having an approved provider.

Students not attending SRE are supervised in a different classroom and can work independently on homework, reading or private study depending on the availability of rooms and supervising teachers. Wahroonga PS also offers ethics classes to non-scripture students. A subsequent ethics note will be sent home to all non-scripture students to express their interest in the schools ethics program.

SRE teachers will be provided with a class list of the names of students in their class group. At any time, you have the right to withdraw your child from scripture classes. A note to the principal will affect this change.

Alison Filipic, Principal