

Religion and Ethics Information

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- NSW schools offer special religious education and special education in ethics. Approved providers deliver these, where available.
- Write to the school if you wish to withdraw your child from special religious education, sometimes known as scripture.
- Special education in ethics is an option for your primary-age child if you withdraw them from special religious education. For more information, visit [Religion and ethics](#).

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At **BURWOOD Public School**, SRE and SEE is delivered on **WEDNESDAY from 9.00 – 9.30am**

On enrolment parents/carers will be given the SRE and SEE participation letter (which can be found on the school website) to complete and return.

After the initial enrolment, notification of changes to a child's enrolment in SRE/SEE should be given to the front office, in writing.

The following SRE classes are offered at Burwood Public School:

1. Special Religious Education (SRE): Combined Christian SRE

Christian SRE is provided by SRE teachers from different Christian denominations and churches. The approved providers in this combined arrangement are

Name of Approved Provider	Provider Website
Presbyterian Church of Australia (NSW)	https://pynsw.org.au/
Baptist Union of NSW	https://nswactbaptists.org.au/
Uniting Church in Australia (NSW Synod)	https://nswact.uca.org.au/

All Christian SRE teachers are authorised and trained by an approved provider.

The Christian SRE curriculum is authorised by The Presbyterian Church of Australia (NSW)

The curriculum is based on Good News about Jesus Christ and learning the key elements of our Christian life and culture and can be found at Christian SRE engages students in conversations as they question life, explore values and discover faith.

The title of the curriculum is **CEP Connect & Kindy Prep**.

The link to the authorised curriculum scope and sequence is available at www.cepstore.com.au & <https://pynsw.org.au/sre>.

2. Special Religious Education (SRE): Catholic SRE

Catholic SRE teachers (also known as Catechists) are authorised by the local parish and trained by the Diocese of the Catholic Church.

The Catholic SRE curriculum is approved by the Bishop of the Diocese in liaison with religious education experts. Lessons include activities that are fun and inclusive for students, whilst also providing them the opportunity to critically explore in depth their faith and to pray and reflect. For more information about the Catholic SRE curriculum go to <https://reonline.sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au/primary-religious-education/>

Please click the links below to access Primary Religious Education overviews and core documents:

- [Curriculum Content Overview 3-6](#)
- [Curriculum Content Overview K-2](#)
- [Introduction to the 3-6 RE Curriculum](#)
- [Introduction to the K-2 RE Curriculum](#)
- [NSW Foundation Statements for RE K-6](#)
- [Prayer Overview K-2](#)
- [Prayer Posters 3-6](#)
- [Prayer Scope and Sequence Years 3-6](#)
- [Prayer Purpose and Principles Years 3-6](#)
- [Scripture Overview K-2](#)
- [Scripture Overview 3-6](#)
- [Storytelling Resources Years 3-6](#)

Catholic SRE teachers engage young people in hearing the Good News about Jesus Christ and learning the key elements of our Christian life and culture.

3. Special Education in Ethics (SEE)

SEE classes support children to develop a life-long capacity for making well-reasoned decisions about ethical issues. Through balanced argument students learn to disagree respectfully, to challenge ideas and to support their arguments with considered evidence.

Our volunteer SEE teachers use lesson materials which present a range of stories, scenarios and questions to generate discussion. SEE teachers are trained to impartially facilitate student discussions, helping students develop their critical thinking and collaborative inquiry skills.

SEE teachers support student learning by:

- showing genuine curiosity and interest in the questions being discussed
- staying neutral
- creating space for students to think, share ideas, give reasons and ensuring

SEE is provided by **Primary Ethics**. You can find out more information about the program from the Primary Ethics website.

The approved providers' authorised curriculum scope and sequence can be found at <https://primaryethics.com.au/curriculum/>

4. Special Education in Hindu

Vishva Hindu Parishad of Australia Inc. (World Hindu Council of Australia)
(ABN: 78862155168, Reg No: Y2898719, Charity No: CFN10709)

To find more information about the approved scope and sequences, curriculum and syllabus, please visit <https://www.vhp.org.au/sre-hindu-dharma-scripture-classes>.

5. Islamic Special Religious Education

The ISRE program is non-sectarian and is available to all Muslim students regardless of their religious grouping. The ISRE program teaches the basics of Islam and is designed to nurture a strong sense of identity and purpose.

Our aim is for students to love, learn and live Islam.

www.isre.org.au

6. Bahá'í Special Religious Education

Bahá'í Scripture Classes are not classes of indoctrination and aim to contribute to the awakening and development of the spiritual nature of every child, complementing the material and physical education provided by schools. In Bahá'í Scripture Classes, the development of spiritual attributes or virtues common to all the world's major religions are explored. Students participating in Bahá'í Scripture Classes explore ways in which they may be able to contribute to the betterment of society and serve humanity.

Name of Approved Provider	Bahá'í Council for South-Eastern Australia
Coordinator	Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Burwood
Name of Authorised Curriculum	Ruhi Institute Curriculum
Curriculum Website	Baha'i classes in State schools (https://bahai.org.au/)

7. Non – Scripture Classes

During the time that SRE/SEE classes are being held, students not attending will be located in a classrooms and will be supervised by Burwood Public School teachers for quiet drawing and reading.