

Special Religious Education

In accordance with the Education Act 1990, Special Religious Education (SRE) lessons are offered at Merewether High School. SRE Teacher David Noble from Associated Christian Ministries, will teach the lessons. The Newcastle SRE board will deliver on behalf of:

Authorised SRE provider	Church Name
Presbyterian Church of Australia (NSW)	Scots Kirk, Hamilton
Baptist Union of NSW	Baptist Tabernacle Newcastle
Australian Christian Churches	Generation City Church
Anglican Diocese of Newcastle	Newcastle Anglican Churches
The Salvation Army	Salvation Army
Associated Christian Ministries	Live Free Church

Special Religious Education is offered as per the policy and procedures of the Department of Education.

Policy <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/religious-education-policy>

Procedures <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/REimplementproced.pdf>

Lessons are offered each week to students in Year 7. All Year 7 students will receive a Special Religious Education participation letter that will need to be returned by all students whether they are opting to attend SRE lessons or opting out of attending. SRE is held during Period 6 each Friday afternoon. Students who do not attend the lessons will follow the regular school timetable and are dismissed from school at the end of period 5. Those who have completed the required letter to the principal to withdraw from SRE and are remaining at school during period 6 will be actively supervised by Teachers. Students are provided with this information at the beginning of the year. Records are kept of those students who opt out.

The local representatives of the above SRE Providers have agreed to cross-authorise the following SRE teacher at Merewether High School. The SRE teacher listed below is appropriately authorised by their respective SRE Provider according to the Department of Education guidelines, has SRE Accreditation Training, and has met relevant requirements under the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 and the Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013.

Authorised SRE Provider	SRE Teacher
Associated Christian Ministries	Mr David Noble
Authorised curriculum:	Think Faith SRE Curriculum
Curriculum web address:	https://whysre.com.au/images/files/Think_Faith_Scope_And_Sequence.pdf
The submission of this form to the school is confirmation that the above details are correct and that cross authorisation has been confirmed, by letter or email, with each of the authorising religious leaders.	
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