



Parent Information Sheet

Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE)

at John Purchase Public School (February 2021 update)

Special religious education (SRE) is the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion delivered by authorised representatives of that persuasion. SRE is often referred to as scripture.

Special education in ethics (SEE) is education in ethical decision making, action and reflection within a secular framework, based on a branch of philosophy. SEE is commonly referred to as ethics.

General religious education, is education about the world's major religions, what people believe and how that belief affects their lives. It is taught through the school curriculum. Further information is available on the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website.

In all government schools, time is set aside for the religious education of children. At John Purchase Public School, students from Kindergarten to Year 2 attend scripture classes between 11:30am and 12:00pm each Tuesday. Students from Years 3 to 6 attend scripture classes from 12:00pm to 12:30pm each Tuesday. Classes are formed based on the availability of qualified volunteer providers of the various religious persuasions and subsequent parental nomination.

SRE options at John Purchase Public School currently include: Buddhist, Catholic, 'Combined Christian' (Anglican, Presbyterian, Uniting, Baptist), Hindu and Islamic.

Students not attending SRE attend supervised alternative groups and participate in reading and private study. As mandated by the NSW Department of Education, these students are not permitted to participate in curriculum-based lessons or other extra-curricular activities during this time.

For students not attending SRE, SEE is currently available at John Purchase Public School via written parental request (after placement in a non-scripture group).

Students continue in the same arrangement each year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change in writing. At any time, you have the right to change your SRE nomination or to withdraw your child from the nominated lessons. A note to the Deputy Principal will affect this change.

The school's SRE and SEE authorised representatives, have provided the following links to lesson content covered, for the information of parents and carers:

Anglican

<http://www.whysre.com.au/sre-curriculum/cep-curriculum-overview/>

Buddhist

http://www.nantien.org.au/sre-web/Scope_and_Sequence_1.pdf

<http://www.nantien.org.au/sre-web/>

Catholic

<https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/ministries/ccd/curriculum>

Hindu

<https://www.vhp.org.au/sre-hindu-dharma-scripture-classes>

Islamic

<https://www.isre.org.au/>

Presbyterian

<https://cepconnect.com.au/curriculum>

Ethics

<https://primaryethics.com.au/about-ethics-classes/our-curriculum/>