



Education

STRATHFIELD SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics
Participation Letter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

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.

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. Students not attending SRE or SEE are given supervised alternative meaningful activities.

Mrs Kylie Fenton
Deputy Principal

Mrs Karen Mortimer
Principal

The following options are available at Strathfield South Public School. Please choose one.

- Christian - Catholic
- Christian - Protestant (e.g. Anglican, Presbyterian, Uniting)
- Christian - Orthodox
- Hindu
- Buddhism
- Islam

OR

- Please check this box if you do not wish for your child to attend SRE. Your child will participate in alternative meaningful activities in a Non Scripture Group.

Student name: _____ Class: _____

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____



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CHRISTIAN - CATHOLIC

Catholic scripture endeavours to build upon the efforts of parents, promised at Baptism, that the love and presence of God will be experienced by a child at home from the early years. Age, understanding and personal development are taken into account. Topics include bible stories, especially the life and teaching of Jesus and his relevance today. A sense of belonging to the church with its sacraments and major seasons is encouraged. Prayer is an important feature of every lesson. Using many activities such as worksheets, dialogue, song and drama, an atmosphere of faith, hope and love is the desired goal.

CHRISTIAN - PROTESTANT (e.g. Anglican, Presbyterian, Uniting)

Protestant Scripture aims to provide a simple experience and explanation of what Christians believe from the Bible. The children are told Bible stories such as Noah's Ark, Moses, Joseph, David and other kings. They learn about the background to Easter and Christmas and the importance of Jesus in the past and present world. Lessons are fun and contain various activities including worksheets, singing, drama and simple craft.

CHRISTIAN - ORTHODOX

Orthodox Christian Scripture lessons are filled with activities, craft and games, Bible readings and stories, as children learn more about our Lord Jesus Christ and the Church from an Orthodox Christian perspective. Lessons are conducted in English. Everyone is welcome.

HINDU

Students are taught devotional songs, stories and simple customs and religious observances so that their visits to temples celebrating festivals will be meaningful and create an interest in the subject. Tests are given periodically. Notes, pictures etc. are given to the students to help them gain an understanding of Hindu beliefs.

BUDDHISM

Buddhist lessons are taught from a book called "Di Zi Gui – Guide to a Happy Life". The book outlines standards for being a good student and child, which were taught by Chinese saints and sages of the ancient past. It covers lessons such as how to be respectful to our family and how to relate to other people.

ISLAM

Islam is a religion that governs every facet of human life, and teaches us that this life is a life of worshipping our Creator, Allah, together with fasting, praying, being kind, patient, respectful and being a source of uprightness and morality. The religion of Islam was founded by the Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) over 1300 years ago. Muslims believe that the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), like Abraham, Jesus, Adam, Noah, Isaac, Moses and Jacob, was a Messenger of Allah.