



STRATHFIELD SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Scripture 2021 (Special Religious Education)

Would you like your child to attend Scripture lessons?

Scripture is called **Special Religious Education (SRE)** and is provided in public schools, during school time, by authorised representatives of approved religious groups for instruction in that faith. SRE is voluntary and schools organise SRE according to parent preference. When **not** attending SRE, students will be supervised by school teachers in non-Scripture classes. Normal class lessons are not held during Scripture time.

Scripture is held on **Thursdays** at SSPS:

- 9.30 – 10.00am for Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
- 10.00 - 10.30am for ES 1 and Stage 1 (Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2)
- 10.30 – 11.00am for Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)

At present your child is attending non-Scripture during this time. If you wish your child to attend a Scripture class, please look through the Scripture lessons offered at our school and tick which group you would like your child to attend each Thursday.

Information about each is provided at the back.

You have the right to change your SRE nomination or to withdraw your child from SRE lessons at any time. You can send a note to the school to effect this change.

If no provision of lessons in your faith is currently available, you might approach a representative of that faith to discuss with the principal the involvement of that faith in the school's SRE program. This is conditional on the faith being an approved provider of SRE.

Mrs Kylie Fenton
Deputy Principal

Mrs Karen Mortimer
Principal

**ONLY TO BE RETURNED IF YOU WISH FOR YOUR CHILD TO CHANGE FROM
NON-SCRIPTURE TO ONE OF THE BELOW SCRIPTURE CLASSES**

Please return the note below to the payments box by Friday 19 February (Week 4).

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

My child is currently attending Non-Scripture classes, but I would like my child to attend the following Scripture lesson each Thursday morning. (Please tick)

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

Signed: _____

Date: _____

SRE (Special Religious Education) classes offered at SSPS

Brief Description

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. Christian, 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.