

Religious Education at Epping Heights Public School

The school currently offers Special Religious Education classes for a 30 minute period each Friday for Catholic, Combined Christian, Hindu and Islam. At Epping Heights this is referred to as Scripture. Parents nominating Christian denominations are taught together in Combined Christian Scripture classes. We also offer Ethics to students in Year 3 to 6, although places are limited. All our teachers are volunteers assigned by approved providers and we welcome enquiries about getting involved in Scripture or Ethics.

Non Scripture means your child will be supervised while independently reading for the 30 minutes. Non Scripture is provided for students who do not have a teacher for their religious group or whose parents do not wish their child to receive Special Religious Education (SRE) or Special Ethics Education (SEE).

The Australian Government recognises the benefit of SRE and SEE for students and has made provision for weekly lessons in all schools. There is recognition that these programs contribute to the well-rounded mature growth of students, gives them the information they need to make wise decisions as adults and prepares them to make a healthy contribution to society.

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 SRE and SEE curriculum, visit [Religion and Ethics](#) or the websites of the approved providers below:

Catholic SRE <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/our-faith/ccd/curriculum>

Combined Christian <https://pynsw.org.au/sre/>

Ethics <https://primaryethics.com.au/curriculum/>

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

Islam SRE <https://www.isre.org.au/scope-k-6/>

