SRE Teacher Register 2019

 (Authorisation letter and Combined arrangements)

1. This form is to be completed by each Parish/Church providing SRE in the school.
2. Where multiple churches are working together, this form should be completed by each church.
3. A copy of the form should be held by **each participating church.**
4. A copy of the form should be sent to **each school** in which SRE is being taught.
5. All SRE teachers and helpers should be included on the SRE Teacher Register.
6. Any complaint against a teacher should be communicated to ALL cross authorising religious leaders and permission for a teacher to represent an SRE Provider can be withdrawn at any time.

The following **SRE Provider(s)** have agreed to deliver combined SRE with students from a number of denominations being taught as one class.

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| **Authorised****SRE Provider** | **Church Name** | **Suburb** | **Authorising Religious Leader** | **Contact Number**(for authorising minister) |
| *Eg Anglican* | *Eg St Matthews* | *Eg Plymouth* | *Eg Jon Smith* | *Eg 02 1234 5678* |
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The above **SRE Provider(s)** have agreed to cross-authorise the following teachers.

Each **SRE teacher** listed below is appropriately authorised by their respective SRE Provider according to Department of Education guidelines, has SRE Accreditation Training and meets the relevant requirements under the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 and the Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2013.
This includes a Working with Children Check clearance obtained and verified for each teacher and helper.

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| **SRE Teacher Name** | **SRE Teacher Date of Birth** | **SRE Teacher Contact****(Phone or email)** | **SRE Provider** |
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| Authorised curriculum: | CEP (including Beginning with God, Connect, Big Questions) |
| Curriculum web address: | <http://www.whysre.com.au/cepcurriculum> |
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| SRE Coordinator |  |
| SRE Coordinator Contact: |  |
| SRE Coordinator Email: |  |
| Board Name (if relevant): |  |
| Notes: |  |

**Cross Authorisation Requirements**

*Religious persuasions may decide to provide a combined arrangement. If this occurs, each religious persuasion must be an approved provider of SRE in NSW Government schools. SRE lessons in combined arrangements must be delivered by authorised representatives who are authorised by at least one of the approved providers within a combined arrangement. The curriculum delivered through a combined arrangement must be authorised by at least one of the approved providers. No religious persuasion should be compelled to participate in this form of organisation. A combined arrangement should be reviewed periodically by the school and the religious persuasions involved. In a combined arrangement only those students whose parents/caregivers have nominated them to attend SRE classes of one of the participating religious persuasions are to be included.*

*(Department of Education and Communities SRE Implementation Procedures)*

The SRE Teacher Register allows churches to collate the relevant information regarding the agreed arrangement for delivering SRE in a local Primary or High School.

Local church leaders are required to confirm their support for the arrangement and for each of the teachers represented in the combined arrangement. A completed form is sent to the school each year.

The SRE Coordinator (or SRE Board Chairman) will send an email to participating local church leaders with the completed SRE Teacher Register Form. The church leader can reply by email confirming their support for the combined arrangement and for the teachers identified to deliver SRE to students of their denomination. This procedure ensures clear communication and a written confirmation that can be used to confirm the arrangement in the unlikely event of a dispute.

**Working With Children Check Requirements**

As the representative of an Approved Provider of Special Religious Education (SRE), the authorising minister is responsible for ensuring all SRE teachers have a [NSW Working with Children Check](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/working-with-children/working-with-children-check/apply/apply) (WWCC) clearance before they commence teaching SRE. The status of each SRE teacher must then be verified with the Office of the Children’s Guardian, and the authorising minister must maintain a record of an SRE teacher’s clearance. SRE providers do not provide the school with the WWCC information but are required to provide names and dates of birth of its authorised teachers and indicate each teacher has a current WWCC clearance.