

## Special Religious Education (SRE) Parent Information

SRE is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion given by an approved member of the clergy or other religious teacher.

At GPHS SRE is offered to Year 7-10 students each year by the Anglican Diocese of Sydney and Australian Christian Churches – Protestant, as a combined program. It is delivered by approved SRE teachers in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures.

At enrolment parents/carers are asked to indicate their child's religious persuasion on the '*Application to Enrol in a NSW Government School*'. Please also complete the slip below and return to the school to indicate if you wish your child to participate in SRE classes. This information is used to enrol students in SRE classes as identified. These arrangements will then continue each year, unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing.

Further information regarding SRE is available via the school website and at enrolment.

*Specific SRE High School Curriculum* information is available at <u>www.Youthworks.net/SRE/Authorised-</u> <u>Curriculum</u>

## Organisation in 2016:

- SRE is offered to at least one year group per term, via 3-5 lessons, each of 1 hour duration, usually in class groups, not more than once a week.
- Information and option to withdraw notes (opt-out) are issued prior to each planned SRE program.
- Students who are withdrawn from SRE by parents/carers complete meaningful activities (eg: reading, private study, completing homework) and are supervised by their regular classroom teacher in a separate space.
- SRE is coordinated by GPHS HT Welfare.
- Arrangements are reviewed annually by the Principal and HT Welfare.
- SRE is not government funded.

Yours Sincerely

Annette Quiney HT Welfare/SRE Coordinator Amended 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2016 Lisette Gorick **Principal** 

## **Special Religious Education**

Student Name:		Year:
Do you wish your child to attend SRE classes?	Tes Yes	D No
What is the student's religion? If none, please write 'no religion'.		
Parent/Carer		Date