



Religious Education in Schools in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus:

- complements other classroom studies.
- introduces your child to a deeper understanding of the Australian culture.
- helps your child to **develop** an appreciation of other people and their beliefs.
- assists your child in his/her search for spiritual meaning.
- encourages your child to consider issues such as friendship, self-esteem, identity, choices and guidelines.
- gives your child some **understanding** of the stories, festivals, worship and symbols of the Christian faith in the community.
- respects your child's rights to hold his/her own opinion.
- is taught using the **agreed syllabus** *Religion in Life*.®



The Victorian Education Act and Regulations make provision for children to receive religious education as a normal part of their schooling. Religious education is taught according to the agreed syllabus of the Council for Christian Education in Schools by accredited, approved, trained volunteers drawn from the Anglican, Catholic, Protestant and Pentecostal Churches. Religious education builds on **Studies of Society and Environment** and **Health and Physical Education** within the Curriculum and Standards Framework. Parents do have the right to withdraw their children.



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