



Special Religious Education (SRE) Participation

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class to support the spiritual wellbeing of students through Special Religious Education. SRE offers a safe place for students to discuss matters of faith and spirituality in a way that is consistent with their family's beliefs. Parents and carers are provided the choice of enrolling their children in SRE (see further information over page).

Mullumbimby High School currently offers Combined Christian SRE. The following approved SRE providers have cross-authorised the program under a combined arrangement:

Anglican Church NSW
Australian Christian Churches
Baptist Union of NSW
Churches of Christ in NSW

Presbyterian Church of Australia
Seventh-Day Adventist Church NSW
The Salvation Army
Uniting Church in Australia

SRE will take place at Mullumbimby High School at 2:30pm on alternate Mondays (Year 7 & 8 in Week A and Year 9 & 10 in Week B) Students not attending SRE are given alternative supervised activities. If your preferred SRE option is not available, please contact the approved provider at www.education.nsw.gov.au.

A parent/carer may at any time notify the school in writing if 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. Please choose only one option below and return the tear-off slip to the school office or email to mullumbimb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Principal: Ms Bree Harvey-Bice

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If you would like your child to participate in SRE please return this slip to the school office.

I wish for my child to attend Combined Christian SRE. I am aware that SRE will take place at 2:30pm on alternate Mondays.

Student name: _____ Year: _____

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____



An Invitation from SU and Byron Shire Christian Education Committee

Dear Parents and Carers,

As Chairman of Byron Shire Christian Education Committee I would like to invite you to enrol your child in Christian SRE (Special Religious Education) at Mullumbimby High School. Christian SRE gives students the opportunity to gain an understanding of the basic beliefs of Christian faith, explore their beliefs and values, engage with ethical issues from a faith perspective, and discover how people apply faith to life.

On recent research from “Special Religious Education in Australia and its Value to Contemporary Society” (2021), Professors Zehavit Gross and Suzanne Rutland highlighted that Special Religious Education provides key benefits to students, including:

- 1. An effective values-based education;**
- 2. Important psychological benefits;**
- 3. Strengthening the multicultural fabric of schools;**
- 4. Creating safe places for students to explore deeper questions of identity.**

For further information or to view the Christian SRE curriculum please visit our website:
<https://thinkfaith.com.au>

Please consider opting-in your child to SRE via the SRE Participation Letter.

Sincerely,

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