



# Allambie Heights Public School

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## SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION and SPECIAL EDUCATION IN ETHICS

Dear Parents/Carers

Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics continues to be an integral part of our school timetable. To assist with the formulation of groups and allocation of volunteers, we would appreciate this information on enrolment to our school.

Allambie Heights Public School currently offers the following options for SRE and Special Education in Ethics:

**Combined Scripture** – Combined SRE adds value to school communities in many ways. It allows students to explore and nurture their spirituality; facilitates a pathway for the spiritual care of students; raises the conversation of faith and gives permission to students to talk about their own faith and journey; and it teaches the basic themes and lessons of the Bible for students to consider. All children interested in learning about the Christian faith are welcome to attend these lessons. Children learn in a fun and engaging program what the Bible has to say and how it applies to our world today. They are encouraged to ask lots of questions, debate and think through the wide range of topics discussed. All children work through an activity book and enjoy great music and games. All denominations are very welcome, Anglican, Pentecostal, Uniting, Presbyterian, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist, Bretheren and also Orthodox. Classes are run by volunteers from Christ Church Northern Beaches, as approved by the Anglicare Diocese of Sydney. Curriculum details are available at <https://whysre.com.au/sre-curriculum/cep-curriculum-overview/>

**Catholic Scripture** – The Catholic SRE curriculum delivers an ethical framework based upon a relationship with a loving God who is the source of goodness and truth. Catholic students who attend this scripture can also complete the sacramental program for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Classes are run by volunteers from Catholic Community of North Harbour, as approved by the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay. Curriculum details are available at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/parish-community/ministries/ccd/curriculum>

**Primary Ethics** (y1 – y6 students only) – The philosophical ethics classes that make up the Primary Ethics curriculum are inquiry based. Children use dialogue and discussion, learning how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument. The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for profit organisation, to deliver these classes. For further information about the content of the philosophical ethics curriculum or to see a short video, *What Happens In Ethics Classes*, please go to [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au). Classes are capped at 22 students.

**Non scripture** – Under the provisions of Section 26 of the Education Act 1990, students may be exempt from attending religious education classes, on the basis of conscientious objection on religious grounds. Students who attend non scripture sit and read quietly in a supervised area. During this time, students cannot complete class work or receive extra teaching from a teacher. These activities should neither compete with SRE nor be alternative lessons in the subjects within the curriculum.

*Children of any religion can attend any of the options listed above. Your choice of class can be changed by providing the school with a written request. These written requests will take effect at the beginning of the next school term. To assist with our planning, please nominate on the 'Starting School Survey' which group you would like your child to attend.*

Angela Helsloot  
Principal

# Starting School Survey

Please complete and return to the school office with your enrolment information.

Child's name:	
Date of Birth:	
Gender:	
Parent's Name:	
Phone:	
Did your child attend pre-school or long day care? How many days per week? Which centre did your child attend?	
Has your child had any external assessments? Please provide details of approximate dates and outcome  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speech therapy</li> <li>• Occupational therapy</li> <li>• Hearing tests</li> <li>• Eye sight tests</li> </ul> <i>If possible, please provide copies to the school</i>	
Does your child have any hobbies, special interests or collections?	
What do you think are your child's strengths? Eg: painting, physical activity, drama, counting	
Do you have a computer with internet in the home?	
Does your child have any friends starting school with them? Please name <i>This does not act as a request for class placement</i>	
Is there anything more you would like us to know about your child?	

Please circle the *Special Religious Education (SRE)* and *Special Education in Ethics* group you would like your child to attend (information is contained on the back of this sheet detailing what each group offers):

Combined

Catholic

Ethics (y1-y6 only)

Non-scripture

Do you give permission for photographs/videos of your child to be used for school purposes?

Yes

No