



## NORDS WHARF PUBLIC SCHOOL

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### IMPORTANT - SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Dear Parent/Caregiver,**

*In Public schools, you have the right to have your children receive instruction in your preferred religious persuasion, where authorised teachers of that persuasion are available. At the time of your child's enrolments you would have identified on the enrolment form, your child's religion if you want them to participate in Special Religious Education.*

*The Department of Education has released a 'Special Religious Education Procedures' document for implementation in 2019. As part of these new procedures you are requested to advise the school of your preference for your child in 2019 as follows:*

*Special Religious Education (Scripture)*

*Ethics*

*Non-scripture*

*Please note all options with have a supervising teacher.*

*Special Religious Education (SRE) is the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion, delivered by authorised representatives of that persuasion. This will be cross-denominational and encompass Catholic Values.*

*Special Education in Ethics (SEE) is education in ethical decision making, action and reflection within a framework, based on a branch of philosophy.*

*Non-scripture is available for students not participating in SRE or SEE. During this time students are provided with meaningful alternative activities (reading, completing unfinished work, private study or completing homework. No new learning will take place).*

*For Special Education in Ethics (SEE) to occur we are seeking volunteers who are willing to attend free training and be available to deliver ethics lessons on Friday mornings from 9.30-10.00am. This may be parents, carers, family members or community members. If we do not have volunteers, ethics classes will not be available.*

*The information we are requesting is beneficial in ensuring that we best plan, staff and cater for attending students. If you do not return the below form, the school will use the original student enrolment application to make a determination based on your original response. Please note if the religion is not covered through the cross denomination program on offer, a placement of non-scripture will occur.*

*It is important to advise that once we have confirmed this information, students continue in the same arrangement each year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change in writing. At any time, you have the right to change to SRE nomination or to withdraw your child from the nominated lessons. A note to the Principal will affect this change.*

*Please complete and return the tear-off form below to the office by Wednesday, 6 February, 2019.*

*Regards,*

*Jodie Corrigan  
Principal*

*Students name: .....*

*I/we would like my child to participate in the following:(please tick)*

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*Special Religious Education(SRE)*

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*Special Education in Ethics (SEE)*

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*Non-scripture*

*I am interested in delivering ethics lessons. Name ..... Contact no.....*

*Signature of Parent/Caregiver ..... Date:.....*