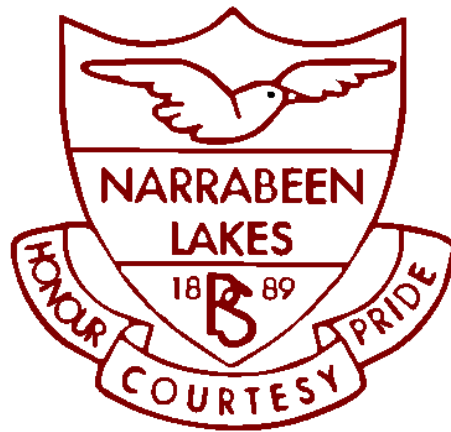


# Narrabeen Lakes Public School



# Religious Education Policy

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# NARRABEEN LAKES PUBLIC SCHOOL

## **1. DEFINITIONS OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

General religious education (GRE) is education about the world's major religions, what people believe and how that belief affects their lives. It is taught mainly through the school curriculum.

Special religious education (SRE) is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives of that persuasion.

## **2. PARENTS/CAREGIVERS RIGHTS**

In accordance with Section 33 of the Education Act, no child is required to receive any general religious education or special religious education if the parents/caregivers object. Objections would be made in writing to the principal.

Section 26 of the Act provides for students to be exempt from attending classes at the request of parents/caregivers who conscientiously object on religious grounds to a particular part of a course of study.

### **Certificate of Exemption**

Section 26 of the Education Act provides for students to be exempt from attending classes at the request of parents/caregivers who conscientiously object on religious grounds.

The school is responsible for responding sensitively to the beliefs of parents/caregivers and their children and for taking all steps to minimise feelings of discomfort or embarrassment on the part of students.

3. Parents/caregivers under the Act can request their child not to receive general religious education and/or special religious education.
4. The school will provide information of the available courses.
5. Appropriate supervision or alternative studies will be provided for those who request no SRE/GRE.
6. A certificate of exemption will be supplied by the school for those who request non-scripture.
7. The school will keep a record of the parent's written request and the certificate of exemption.
8. A copy of the certificate of exemption will be provided to the student/parent/caregiver.

# CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

## Narrabeen Lakes Public School

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Under the provisions of Section 26 of the Education Act 1990, the above named student is exempt, on the basis of conscientious objection on religious grounds, from the following classes or lessons.

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Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

