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SRE CROSS-AUTHORISATION FORM

This form does not determine which students are participating. Parents / caregivers decide that on the preference form provided at enrolment or sent home by the school.

Combined Arrangements and Cross Authorisation Form

Department of Education Special Religious Education Procedures for implementation in 2019:

Combined arrangements occur in some schools in the delivery of SRE. Religious persuasions may decide to provide a combined arrangement for several reasons, including human resource management. No religious persuasion should be compelled to participate in this form of organisation.

In combined arrangements, each religious persuasion must be an Approved Provider.

The curriculum and the SRE teacher, must be authorised by at least one of the Approved Providers.

The Approved Providers must clearly identify to the school which Approved Provider is responsible for authorising the curriculum and the appropriate website link. In a combined arrangement, only those students whose parents/caregivers have nominated one of the participating religious persuasions are to be included. Other students may participate if the parent or caregiver signs a communication form. A combined arrangement should be reviewed periodically by the school and the approved providers involved.

Instructions For Completing This Form (one required for each individual school)

In both Primary and High Schools where one or more churches combine to teach students from different churches, (even if those students don't attend but may have a specific church or 'Christian' listed on their enrolment form) a Cross Authorisation Form needs to be supplied to the school when SRE commences each year. This applies even if all the teachers come from one church.

Approved Provider: This is the 'umbrella' organisation listed on the Department of Education Approved Provider list. Participating Approved Providers includes churches that don't supply teachers as there may be some children taught in the arrangement who list their denomination /religion as belonging to that Provider. Approved Providers are listed here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics/approved-sre-providers>

Individual church/group: This is the name of the local church.



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Signature of Local Clergy/Leader: This should be the Minister/Leader of the local church near the school. This can be replaced by an email approval which needs to be printed and attached.

The first table (page 3) lists all the local churches who are Approved Providers. Only teachers authorised by an Approved Provider can teach SRE. The clergy/leader from each local church is to sign the form or give their consent by email to the Coordinator to say that: their church is part of the combined SRE arrangements, they endorse the teachers and helpers listed on the form and agree with the curriculum that is listed. The SRE teacher doesn't sign the form.

The second table (page 4) is a list of all the SRE teachers and helpers: their full name, date of birth, contact phone number and their Approved Provider.



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To the Principal,

School: _____ Year: 20 _____

The Providers listed below have agreed to deliver SRE by a combined group arrangement in accordance with the Department of Education's (DoE) Religious Education Procedures.

The participating Approved Providers are:

DoE Approved Provider (church / denomination)	Individual church / group	Name of authorising clergy for that church	Signature / email consent of authorising clergy for that church

By signing above the participating clergy have agreed to the curriculum below and they cross-authorise the following SRE teachers. These teachers have completed the SRE Authorisation Procedure of their Provider which includes:

1. Working with Children Check – clearance obtained and verified
2. Code of Conduct Training
3. Child Protection Training
4. SRE Teacher Training (SRE helpers as required by provider)

