

A Special Religious Education (SRE) program is available at Como West Public School and is run by authorised volunteers of approved religious persuasions. For details about the specific SRE programs, please see below. Alternatively, parents may choose for their child not to attend SRE classes.

At Como West Public School, the SRE program is delivered on Thursdays from 2.10 - 2.40pm for K-2 students and from 2.45 - 3.15pm for Year 3-6 students.

During the time that SRE classes are being held, there will be no academic instruction delivered or formal school activities. Children will therefore not be missing any class work by attending SRE classes. Students attending non-SRE classes will participate in meaningful activities such as reading, private study or completing their own work.

During the year, notification of changes to a child's enrolment in SRE classes should be given to the class teacher in writing.

Currently, the following SRE classes are offered at Como West Public School:

- **Catholic** SRE is provided by **Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney**. More information about Catholic SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit the **Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney** website.
- **Combined Christian** SRE is provided by teachers who are authorised and trained by the following approved providers: **Anglican Diocese of Sydney**. The curriculum can be viewed at **whysre.com.au**.

Additional information has been supplied by our SRE providers:

Combined Anglican Christian SRE

Combined Christian SRE is education in Christian beliefs and practices for children of families from various Christian denominations and churches. Combined Christian SRE teachers at this school are authorised and trained by the following approved SRE providers: **Anglican Diocese of Sydney**. The SRE curriculum used in this school is produced by Christian Education Publications and is approved by each SRE provider. The curriculum explores the good news about Jesus Christ found in the Bible and the depth of God's love for people. Each lesson has been developed to be taught in an age-appropriate manner. Lessons include activities which make the lessons fun and inclusive for children and young people, and also give them the opportunity to critically explore and deepen their faith, pray, and reflect.

Research has shown that SRE contributes to students' wholistic education as it nurtures their spiritual wellbeing. For more information about the SRE curriculum used in this school visit **whysre.com.au**.

Special Ethics Education (SEE) classes support children to develop a life-long capacity for making well-reasoned decisions about ethical issues. Through balanced argument students learn to disagree respectfully, to challenge ideas and to support their arguments with considered evidence.

Our volunteer SEE teachers use lesson materials which present a range of stories, scenarios and questions to generate discussion. SEE teachers are trained to impartially facilitate student discussions, helping students develop their critical thinking and collaborative inquiry skills.

SEE teachers support student learning by:

- showing genuine curiosity and interest in the questions being discussed
- staying neutral
- creating space for students to think, share ideas, give reasons and ensuring

At Como West Public School, the SEE program is delivered on Thursdays from 2.10 - 2.40pm for Year 1-2 students and from 2.45 - 3.15pm for Year 3-6 students.

Information on the curriculum and teaching methods / qualifications is available at primaryethics.com.au

Please note that we can only provide these classes to students if we have sufficient volunteers willing to undergo the necessary teacher-training. If you are interested in doing this rewarding work, more information can be found [here](#).