

## What is ICCOREIS?

ICCOREIS is the Inter-Church Commission on Religious Education in Schools (NSW) Inc. It was established by its member churches in 1972, and became an incorporated association in 2000.

## Purposes of ICCOREIS

The purposes of ICCOREIS are to:

- provide a fully representative context for inter-church discussion on religious education in government schools;
- formulate policy for endorsement by member churches and help facilitate the implementation of agreed policy;
- represent member churches in negotiations with the NSW Government and the Department of Education and Training;
- negotiate and maintain liaison with relevant groups and other organisations.

## What is SRE?

SRE is Special Religious Education, also known as Scripture.

SRE is defined as: 'education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives of that persuasion'.

*(Implementation of Religious Education Policy, point 1)*

## Membership

The member churches of ICCOREIS are:

- Dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia from the Province of NSW
- Australian Christian Churches
- Baptist Churches of NSW and ACT
- Christian Brethren Assemblies
- Christian Reformed Churches of Australia
- Churches of Christ in NSW Conference
- Fellowship of Congregational Churches
- Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia
- Lutheran Church in Australia, NSW District
- Presbyterian Church of Australia in NSW
- Dioceses of the Roman Catholic Church Province of Sydney and Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn (NSW and ACT)
- The Salvation Army (Eastern Australia Territory)
- Serbian Orthodox Church in Australia and New Zealand - NSW and ACT Deaneries
- Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of New South Wales and ACT.

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# Introducing

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[www.iccoreis.asn.au](http://www.iccoreis.asn.au)

## ICCOREIS Website

There is a wealth of information available on our website: [www.iccoreis.asn.au](http://www.iccoreis.asn.au)

### Publications

Publications produced by ICCOREIS:

- SRE Handbook (current edition)
- SRE Update (current and past editions)
- Guidelines for Joint-Denominational SRE Employment Boards
- SRE and Your Child
- Introducing ICCOREIS.

### Resources

Materials from SRE teachers' conferences.

Training DVDs covering various aspects of teaching.

Lists of books, DVDs, guest speakers, activities, curriculum materials and other useful references.

### SRE Policy

Denominational policies in areas such as training and authorisation, and overall SRE policy issues.

### News

Positions vacant section for SRE vacancies.

News of relevance to SRE.

### Links

Links to all member churches, relevant government departments, curriculum providers and associated organisations.

### Coming Events

SRE teacher training courses, conferences and activities run by affiliated support groups and other ministry organisations.

ICCOREIS conferences.

ICCOREIS meeting dates for the current year.

### FAQs

The most commonly asked questions about ICCOREIS and SRE.

### Members

Contact details for all ICCOREIS members.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How is the membership of ICCOREIS determined?

Any Christian religious persuasion that is approved by the NSW Department of Education and Training to provide Special Religious Education in government schools can apply for membership of ICCOREIS.

The number of representatives from each member organisation reflects the relative composition of Christian children in NSW government schools.

### 2. What is ICCOREIS' theological position?

ICCOREIS' policy is that its members are not in competition - they work together. In order to be accepted as a member, a religious persuasion must provide evidence that its beliefs are consonant with the tenets of the Apostles Creed.

### 3. How does ICCOREIS have input into government policy?

ICCOREIS is represented on the Director-General's Consultative Committee on Special Religious Education. The Consultative Committee's task is to provide the Director-General with information and advice on the implementation and operation of SRE, and to act as a clearing house for new ideas and innovations.

### 4. Is there a relationship between ICCOREIS and SRE providers from other faiths?

Representatives of ICCOREIS and SRE providers from other faiths are members of the Director-General's Consultative Committee on Special Religious Education.



## Resources and Services

### Publications

The publications listed below are available from the website and can also be supplied by the ICCOREIS Executive Officer.

### SRE Handbook

The handbook covers the rights and responsibilities of all concerned with SRE in NSW government schools, from church leaders to SRE teachers. It also includes the ICCOREIS Constitution and extracts from relevant government policies. The handbook is reviewed and updated regularly.

### SRE Update

The ICCOREIS newsletter. Produced three times per year, it covers a variety of topics relevant to SRE teachers and providers.

### Guidelines for Joint-Denominational SRE Employment Boards

This book provides guidelines for those who wish to establish a joint-denominational board to employ SRE teachers.

### SRE and Your Child

A brochure intended for distribution with enrolment forms, school information packs or newsletters, presenting some basic facts about SRE for parents.

### Provision of insurance

ICCOREIS' public liability insurance covers participants at courses arranged by affiliated groups, providing the details have been supplied to the ICCOREIS Executive Officer prior to the course.