

## 8 Resources for SRE

This chapter provides a list of resources for those involved in SRE. Many of the resources can be found on the ICCOREIS website: [www.iccoreis.asn.au/resources](http://www.iccoreis.asn.au/resources) which contains promotional materials, letters, forms, information on becoming an SRE teacher and links to useful websites.

The listing of resources from Christian churches and organisations that are not part of ICCOREIS does not constitute an endorsement of those resources by ICCOREIS. Furthermore, ICCOREIS reserves the right not to include material in this chapter.

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#### Online Resource

*Special Religious Education (SRE) Handbook.*

Recommended reading for all approved providers. Chapters can be downloaded individually, or requested from the Executive Officer.

#### Printed Material

*Christian SRE* brochures explaining SRE to parents/carers for either primary school or secondary school, and an accompanying two-sided poster for both primary and secondary for use in churches and schools.

*Teaching SRE* a brochure providing a quick guide for new SRE teachers.

#### DVDs

##### ICCOREIS Special Needs 2000 Training Kits

Kit 1 *Everyone Counts; Everyone Belongs: Educating Students with Special Needs.*

Kit 2 *Implications of Learning Difficulties for Classroom Management.*

Kit 3 *Effective Classroom Management: What Works, What Doesn't and Who Can Help.*

Kit 4 *Teaching in a Multicultural Class: Language/Cultural Differences.*

Kit 5 *Special Needs of Aboriginal Students.*

#### Newsletter

*SRE Update.* Distributed through member churches and available on the ICCOREIS website.

#### Conferences and Workshops

Organised on a needs basis. Contact the Executive Officer or check the ICCOREIS website.

#### Groups Affiliated with ICCOREIS

Please contact the Executive Officer for more information.

## 8.2 Member Churches of ICCOREIS

### 8.2.1 Dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia from the Province of New South Wales

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#### SRE Curriculum for Primary Schools

##### *Beginning with God*

A one-year curriculum for the first year in school, consisting of a teacher's manual, visual aids and student activity books. 40 lessons.

##### *Connect*

A Bible-based curriculum designed for children in years 1 to 6. It is a three-year syllabus (Years A, B & C) at three levels: infants, lower, and upper primary. The teacher's pack for each semester consists of a teacher's manual with visual aids for each lesson and a CD of songs, dramas and plays. Full colour student activity books are available at each level. Optional coloured visual aids for general classes and for children with special learning needs are also available.

##### *Big Questions*

This one-year alternative curriculum is for use with students in the last year of primary school. It explores some of the big issues in life for 12 year olds and is heavily discussion based and student response-centred. It consists of a teacher's manual and a student activity book. The enclosed CD contains music by popular Australian Christian band, *Garage Hymnal*.

#### SRE Curriculum for Secondary Schools

##### *Mistaken Identity*

Eight chapters on Mark's gospel for years 7 and 8. *Mistaken Identity* examines the life of Jesus and explores the questions 'Who is this man?' and 'What has he come to do?' Contains a teacher's manual and student handbook.

##### *Lessons on Tap*

35 photocopiable lessons specifically written for the year 7 and 8 high school SRE class. Includes 'Tough questions and topics', 'Movies with a meaning' and 'Christian foundations and fenceposts'.

##### *Another Dimension*

Eight chapters on Jesus' teaching on relationships from the Sermon on the Mount for years 7 to 9. Teacher's manual includes a CD of PowerPoint presentations for each chapter, plus black line masters. Student handbook also available.

##### *Your Sneaking Suspicions*

16 chapters based on John Dickson's *A Sneaking Suspicion* for years 8 to 10 that looks at the big challenges to the Christian faith as well as examining the claims of Christ and the impact it should have on our lives. Includes a teacher's manual and student workbook in addition to John's book.

### *The Good, the Bad and the Ethical*

14 chapters that examine various ethical frameworks as they apply to real life situations, for years 9 to 11. A great resource for getting students to think carefully about the complexities of the modern world and what kind of person they hope to become. Contains teacher's manual and student handbook.

### *No Turning Back*

Seven chapters on the themes from Ephesians - grace, forgiveness, light and darkness, a place to belong, our heavenly inheritance and new life, for years 9 and 10. A perfect resource for portraying the Christian life. Teacher's manual also contains a DVD of 'vox-pop' street interviews that examine the subjects of each chapter. Also contains a student handbook.

### *If I Were God, I'd End All the Pain*

Six chapters based on John Dickson's title of the same name, for years 9 and 10. Examines the problem of pain, various philosophical responses, and includes biblical perspectives from Genesis, Job and the gospels. There is no teacher's manual, just John Dickson's short book and a student handbook.

### *A Spectator's Guide to World Religions*

Examines the five 'Big Faiths' - Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam - what they teach, who founded them, what their adherents believe and do, and their influence on the world. Also, critically, examines the modern Western philosophy of pluralism, which seeks to find commonality between all the faiths in a way the faiths themselves have never done. Contains the book of the same name and an accompanying student handbook.

### *Hope for a Shattered World*

Eight chapters on the foundational biblical framework as laid out in Genesis Chapters 1-11, for years 10 to 12. This resource provides a fundamental background to the claims of Christ. The teacher's manual contains a CD of PowerPoint Presentations for each chapter, plus black line masters plus a pdf file of Tim Winton's *The Turning*. Student handbook also available.

### *A Spectator's Guide to Worldviews*

Ten chapters that examine key, influential systems of thought - Modernism, Post-Modernism, Utilitarianism, Liberalism etc, for years 10 to 12. Chapters examine the central beliefs of each worldview, look at 'points of contact' and 'points of departure' from Christianity and provide numerous real world examples of their influence. There is no student workbook for this product, only the book.

Further information in the form of downloadable samples of both the teachers' manuals and student handbooks, is available on the CEP website: <http://www.whysre.com.au/index.php/cepcurriculum>

## **8.2.2 Australian Christian Churches**

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### SRE Curriculum for Schools

#### *GodSpace*

Catering for 4 to 12+ year olds, *GodSpace* links the Bible to the contemporary world in a way that makes sense to children. It is organised around a three year curriculum, publishing a new book each semester. Materials include coloured visual aids, lessons for various ages, songs and kids' magazines. Each year, Book One will include Easter and Book Two will include Christmas. The lesson manual contains 20 lessons for each of four different age groups. Additional assembly outlines are also included.

To order phone 1300 GODSPACE (1300 463 772)

For more information see [www.godspace.org.au](http://www.godspace.org.au).

## 8.2.4 Dioceses of the Catholic Church Province of Sydney and Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn (NSW and ACT)

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### Curriculum Resources

CCD Sydney - Director  
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Email:  
Website: [www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ccdsydney.catholic.edu.au)

Primary: *Christ Our Light and Life* (Kindergarten - Year 6) - student activity books, teachers' manuals, parent supplements.

CCD Broken Bay - Senior CCD Coordinator  
PO Box 340 Pennant Hills New South Wales 1715  
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*Walking with Jesus: Pathways of Discipleship* (Kindergarten - Year 12) - student activity books, teachers' manuals, parent supplements.

## **8.2.5 Christian Community Churches of Australia (Recognised as Christian Brethren Assemblies)**

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## **8.2.7 Fellowship of Congregational Churches**

### **Contact**

Vacant

## **8.2.8 Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia**

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### **SRE Curriculum**

*Mixed Themes Curriculum* for Infants (K-2) and Primary (3-6) allows for variety in lessons by addressing a number of themes during each year.

Materials are produced by the Pantanassa Monastery, and are available on CD or via download from the website: <http://www.pantanassamonastery.org/scripture-lessons.html>

## **8.2.9 Lutheran Church in Australia, New South Wales District**

### **Contact**

Vacant

### **Resources**

*Come and See Jesus* - Curriculum for primary years.

*MAP* - Ministry to Adolescents. Programme for 12-14 year olds.

## **8.2.10 Presbyterian Church of Australia in**

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### **Resources**

*Breaking the Silence*  
Presbyterian Church in Australia in New South Wales.  
(Presbyterian Religious Education Publication) PREP

## **8.2.11 The Salvation Army (Eastern Australia Territory)**

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## **8.2.13 Seventh-day Adventist Church, Greater Sydney, North and South NSW conferences**

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## 8.2.14 Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of NSW and ACT

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### Resources

*The SRE Guide* - is a general introduction for SRE teachers. It can be downloaded from the website or mailed upon request.

*A Safe Place for Children* - is the Uniting Church's Policy on safety and children's ministry.

### Christian Religious Education Curriculum for Schools: Access Ministries

Based on the Bible, the curriculum teaches Christian beliefs and practices, helping children to make connections with their lives. It challenges them to apply the values they learn in the context of biblical teaching to the decisions and choices they make on a day-to-day basis.

*Launch* is for children aged 4-6 years, introducing children to God and Jesus, and examining our part in God's creation.

*Trek* is for children aged 6-8 years.

*Search* is for children aged 8-10.

*Quest* is for children aged 10-12 years.

Student workbooks contain a full colour double page spread for each lesson. Teacher books provide detailed lesson plans for each lesson as well as additional photocopiable worksheets to cater for the individual needs of students.

*Something Else* is for students aged 12-14 years. It is published as four complementary modules with worksheets and resources.

These curriculum resources are available from  
ACCESS ministries, Melbourne, Victoria.

Freecall: 1800 063 341

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Email: [information@accessministries.org.au](mailto:information@accessministries.org.au)

## 8.3 Parliament of New South Wales

### Legislation

*Education Act 1990 No 8* (See Sections 32 and 33 for Special Religious Education)

*Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998*

*Education Amendment (Ethics Classes Repeal) Bill 2011*

### Website

<http://legislation.nsw.gov.au>

(for the above Acts and Bill)

*Religious Education Implementation Procedures – Department of Education and Communities policy and guidelines* <http://www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/policies/religion/index.htm>

## 8.4 Government Departments and Agencies

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#### Website

<http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check>



## **8.5 Professional Associations**

### **8.5.1 Generate Ministries (for employed High School teachers)**

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