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Media Release

Comment from Christian SRE re: SMH article today

The Inter-Church Commission on Religious Education in Schools (ICCOREIS) the peak body representing Christian SRE providers in NSW, recently sent information brochures to 2100 schools for distribution only to students who have opted-in to SRE and for inclusion in enrolment packs.

We are working closely with the education department to ensure the campaign is effective and done according to the guidelines. Today's Sydney Morning Herald ran an article about one child in one school who was accidentally handed an information brochure due to what the school said was an error by temporary office staff, and has blown it out of proportion. Any parent whose child has been provided brochures by mistake should contact their principal. Furthermore, the comment on the brochure, that "Christian SRE begins with the understanding that we were created by a loving God", is mainstream Christian teaching, and we stand behind our belief that every person is loved.

Christian SRE will continue to operate in a transparent and proactive way to inform parents about the SRE program, which is only available to parents who opt-in to the program, is widely supported, and helps students understand life and values consistent with those of their families.

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*SMH Article <https://www.smh.com.au/education/education-christian-god-religion-pamphlets-school-20180907-p502f9.html>