

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;
- help facilitate the implementation of agreed departmental policy;
- represent member churches in negotiations with the NSW Government and the Department of Education;
- negotiate and maintain liaison with relevant groups and other organisations.
- formulate an agreed standard for Basic SRE Training.

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’.

(Religious Education Implementation Procedures –2016)

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/REimplementproced.pdf>

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
- Churches of Christ in NSW Conference
- C3 Church Australia (NSW)
- 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
- Seventh-day Adventist Church, North NSW, South NSW and Greater Sydney Conferences
- Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of New South Wales and ACT.

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Resources and Services

FREE access to Better Balanced Futures

In October 2018 all approved providers will implement new policies and procedures which have been endorsed by the NSW Department of Education (DoE). All approved providers of all faiths have worked together to lift the standards and ensure that their curriculum is accountable and beneficial. Which means that approved providers are certified to new standards.

Better Balanced Futures aims to continually improve the implementation and delivery of SRE.

ChristianSRE—facebook page

Christian SRE is a 25,000 strong Facebook community of parents and supporters of Christian Special Religious Education in public schools in NSW.

The CSRE Team is from ICCOREIS and they update the page daily with the latest news and inspiring stories of SRE.

ChristianSRE—information for parents

A brochure to give to parents of children in primary and high schools. The brochure clearly describes SRE and the benefits to families who enrol their child in an SRE class.

Parliamentary Celebration of SRE

ICCOREIS sponsors a biennial celebration of SRE in NSW State Schools at Parliament House. People of all faiths are invited to tell their stories about how their involvement in SRE enriches public education. Representatives from a wide range of Christian denominations as well as Bahai, Muslim, Jewish and Hindu groups attend.

Awards are given to SRE teachers who have shown exemplary skill in working with the school community.

Help by email or by phone

ICCOREIS has an administration officer who can direct you to the right answer through our network of very experienced SRE providers and professional media consultants.

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 Communities 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 consistent with the tenets of the Apostles Creed.



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3. How does ICCOREIS have input into government policy?
ICCOREIS engages directly with both sides parliament. It is also represented on the DoE Consultative Committee for Special Religious Education. This Committee's task is to provide the Minister 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 DoE Consultative Committee for Special Religious Education. ICCOREIS also has two members on the newly formed All Faiths Group.

ICCOREIS Information

For the latest news go to the **ChristianSRE Facebook** (it is updated daily).

There is a wealth of information available on our website: www.iccoreis.asn.au

Publications

Publications produced by ICCOREIS:
- Christian SRE—information for parents
- SRE Handbook (current edition)
- SRE Update (current and past editions)
- Guidelines for Joint-Denominational SRE Employment Boards
- Guidelines for High School Seminars
- Education Week Services

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 DoE SRE policy.

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

Access to the network of experienced ICCOREIS members.