

## **Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics at Glenmore Road Public School**

Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) programs operate in Department of Education public schools. Volunteers of approved providers teach these programs.

Schools support SRE and SEE by:

- ensuring no academic instruction or formal school activities occur during time set aside for SRE/SEE
- providing adequate learning facilities for the delivery of SRE/SEE during school hours
- providing families with access to current information about SRE/SEE.

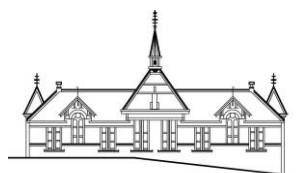
Next year you will be asked to provide information about your child's attendance at SRE lessons. These are not compulsory. You may choose for your child not to attend SRE lessons in which case, your child will attend the non SRE group.

Early next year our school will provide information to parents about SRE groups and alternative meaningful activities. We will:

- provide parents/carers with a SRE Participation Letter and ask that it be returned to the class teacher as soon as possible
- advise parents/carers that they may, at any time, notify the school in writing that they wish to withdraw their child from SRE or to change their nomination.

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE), including the list of approved providers, please visit:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>



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## ETHICS

## Why choose ethics classes for your child?

Ethics classes for all age groups run in the SRE/SEE\* timeslot in schools each week.

Classes are free and are run by specially trained volunteers, who are often parents and grandparents.

The lessons are prepared by experts in the fields of childhood education and ethics. Our curriculum is reviewed by the Department of Education.

**Ethics classes are for children of all faiths and none.**

**Ethics classes are designed to get children thinking, deeply and well.**

\*Special Religious Education/Special Education in Ethics



**"Ethics classes help me think about things more carefully and try to make better choices"**

## What happens if you send your child to a weekly ethics class?

Ethics lessons explore everyday ethical issues pitched at your child's age level.

Ethics teachers present stories and questions that encourage children to consider what they would do - and what they ought to do - in that situation. The teachers don't give their own opinions - they help the children to discuss amongst themselves issues such as:

- what if I hurt someone without meaning to?
- what if I break a promise?
- when, if ever, should we tell on someone?
- is bragging wrong?
- what is fairness?



### Every ethics class follows 6 rules.

- 1 Only one person speaks at a time.
- 2 Pay attention to the person who is speaking.
- 3 Speak to the other students, not just the teacher.
- 4 Give others a chance to speak.
- 5 Build on others' ideas.
- 6 No put downs.

*"I realise that I can still like someone who has a different opinion"*

*"It really helps with your personal confidence to know your opinion is valued in ethics"*

## Which skills will my child develop in ethics classes?

- careful listening to all points of view
- being able to disagree without put-downs
- resisting peer pressure without losing friends
- understanding other children's problems
- giving evidence-based reasons for their opinions

These are essential skills as they grow up in our complex and pressurised world.

### What do children say about ethics?

*"I learned that it is okay to be honest about what you think"*

*"I learned how to tell friends I didn't want to do things they tried to make me do"*

## How could ethics classes help me as a parent?

- Children gain confidence, their concentration improves
- Children learn to explain their point of view
- Children are more ready to discuss disagreements calmly
- Children develop a stronger ability to empathise and are more considerate of others.





## How to enrol?

If your child is starting kindergarten, you should be given an SRE/SEE enrolment form. Otherwise, contact your school office to inform them that you want your child to attend ethics classes.

## What if my school doesn't offer ethics?

Ethics classes depend on having enough trained volunteers to run the classes. We always welcome new volunteers and offer free training workshops throughout the year, both online and face to face, to suit your schedule.

Contact us to find out how to start ethics classes at your school and how to become an ethics teacher.

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