



Armidale Secondary College

Special Religious Education (SRE) Participation

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class to support the spiritual wellbeing of students through Special Religious Education. SRE offers a safe place for students to discuss matters of faith and spirituality in a way that is consistent with their family's beliefs. Parents and carers are provided the choice of enrolling their children in SRE (see further information over page).

Armidale Secondary College currently offers Combined Christian SRE. The following approved SRE providers have cross-authorised the program under a combined arrangement:

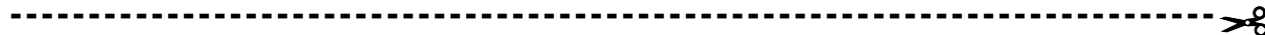
Anglican Diocese of Armidale
Australian Christian Churches
Baptist Union of NSW
Churches of Christ in NSW (Fresh Hope)

Presbyterian Church of Australia
Seventh-Day Adventist Church NSW
The Salvation Army
Uniting Church in Australia

Students not attending SRE are given alternative supervised meaningful activities. If your preferred SRE option is not available, please contact the approved provider at www.education.nsw.gov.au.

A parent/carer may at any time notify the school in writing if they wish to change their decision. Students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing. Please choose only one option below and return the tear-off slip to the school office or email to armidale-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Ms Kim Allford
Principal



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Please choose ONE of the options below and return this slip to the school office.

☐ I wish for my child to attend Combined Christian SRE.

OR

☐ I do not wish for my child to attend SRE.

Student name: _____ Year: _____

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____



ARMIDALE YOUTH FUTURES

Welcome to Christian Special Religious Education

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of all the Christian churches of Armidale, Armidale Youth Futures invites you to enrol your child in Christian SRE (Special Religious Education) at Armidale Secondary College. With SRE classes held fortnightly for Years 7-10 and a seminar each term for Years 11 and 12, SRE provides a safe place for students to ask questions and explore their beliefs and values, engage with ethical issues from a Christian faith perspective, and discover how people apply faith to life.

Spiritual wellbeing is included as one of the five pillars for effective education in the NSW Department of Education's wellbeing framework. The Department's 2018 study of SRE highlights the benefit of participation in SRE:

- An effective values education that empowers student decision making, fosters student action and assigns real student responsibility
- Important psychological benefits to student mental health and wellbeing
- Strengthening the multicultural fabric of Australian schools

We encourage you to explore Christian SRE for your child by visiting our website: ayf.org.au

Then, please consider enrolling your child in Christian SRE via the Online Enrolment System (OES) or SRE Participation Letter (overleaf).

Sincerely,

Graham Truscott
Armidale Youth Futures

Presenting the good news of Jesus at school