



SRI (Special Religious Instruction) EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

18/02/2019

As directed by the Department of Education & Training (DET) there have been changes made to the delivery of Special Religious Instruction (SRI) in schools.

Special Religious Instruction (SRI) may only be delivered during lunchtime, or in the hour before or after school for a maximum of 30 minutes.

Principals have the decision-making responsibilities around the delivery of SRI in their schools. However, it is important that we carefully consider the circumstances of our school and the views of all the school community when making the decision about whether to deliver SRI. Our School Council supports this program and as we have Mrs Elaine Smeaton offering to teach students in Prep – 2 SRI, we are now making it available under the new policy. To increase flexibility within the new policy, where an instructor is willing, SRI may now be delivered to multi-age groupings of students rather than being limited to ‘normal class organisation’.

SRI has had a long history in Victorian government schools. These changes do not seek to downplay the important place it holds in many school communities. Moving SRI to non-curriculum time strikes the balance between ensuring that SRI is still able to be delivered in schools where there is parent demand and available resources, and giving all children and young people full access to the full amount of curriculum delivery time, which is critical for Victoria as the Education State.

SRI is not compulsory for any student and will continue to operate as an ‘opt-in’ extra-curricular activity that students may only attend with their parents’ informed consent. All SRI will be supervised by at least one school teacher and will be on school grounds.

The cost of participating in the SRI program will be \$12.00 per student. This cost will cover the purchase of the work book.

If you would like your Prep – 2 child to be involved in SRI at Somerville Rise Primary School please complete the form below and return to the school office. SRI will commence on a date to be advised during lunchtime.

If you require any further clarification please contact me at the school on 5977 8500.

Nicky Fammartino
PRINCIPAL

Primary School

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(PLEASE COMPLETE REPLY SLIP AND RETURN TO THE OFFICE ASAP together with payment)

I..... (parent/guardian) would like my Prep – 2 child to be involved in SRI in 2019.

Student Name..... Student Grade.....

Parent/Guardian signature..... Date.....

\$12.00 enclosed