

## SRE info for website:

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents.

At Gardeners Road Public School we hold Special Religious Education (SRE) lessons on Thursday mornings. K-2 students attend SRE from 9:05-9:35 am and 3-6 students attend from 9:45-10:15 am. The following options are available at Gardeners Road Public School:

- **Catholic:** Catholic SRE is provided by the Catholica Archdiocese of Sydney. Catholic SRE teachers (also known as Catechists) are authorised by the local Catholic parish and trained by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney. *For more information about Catholic SRE, including the authorised curriculum scope and sequence, please visit: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/education/#scripture>.*
- **Protestant Christian:** *Our Protestant Christian group is run by trained staff and volunteers from the Anglican Church - Diocese of Sydney. Their curriculum and other information can be found at: <https://cepconnect.com.au/curriculum>.*
- **Islam:** *Our Islamic Groups is run by volunteers from the Islamic Council of Australia. Their curriculum and other information can be found at <http://www.isre.org.au/>.*
- **Orthodox:** *Our Orthodox group is run by trained volunteers from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia. Their curriculum and other information can be found at [http://www.greekorthodox.org.au/?page\\_id=3854#1526973435066-dedd7d1f-79ea](http://www.greekorthodox.org.au/?page_id=3854#1526973435066-dedd7d1f-79ea).*

If your preferred SRE or SEE option is not available please contact the approved provider. If you choose for your child not to attend SRE, they will participate in alternative activities.

A parent/carer may at any time notify the school in writing that 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.

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> .

## SEE Info for Website:

Ethics classes are available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Special Religious Education (SRE) Scripture. Primary Ethics is the charity authorised by the Department of Education to develop curriculum and recruit and train volunteers to facilitate classes. Lessons are available for children from Years K-6.

Ethics classes support children in developing skills in ethical reasoning, critical and logical thinking, respectful discussion and how to support their arguments with evidence. The lesson materials have been approved by the Department of Education. Students explore ethical ideas through the give-and-take of reasoned argument, learning to disagree respectfully, to challenge ideas and to support their arguments with considered evidence. Trained and vetted volunteer Ethics Teachers lead the discussions.

This year, we would like to again offer ethics classes for students of Gardeners Road Public School. At this point time we are only able to offer Ethics classes to our Year 2 students. More classes will be added soon, once more volunteers are able to assist.

For more information about Primary Ethics, the curriculum or to volunteer as an ethics coordinator or teacher, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au).

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