

# WHY CONSIDER CHRISTIAN SRE?

## 1 TO NURTURE YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUAL SIDE

The majority of Australians believe in God, or have a sense of God, even if they do not belong to a formal religious church. Your child has this sense of God too.

The Christian SRE class provides a very valuable opportunity for children to explore their natural spiritual curiosity. If your goal is to open your child up to a religious option for later in life, then it is important to nurture their inquisitiveness in their early years.

## 2 TO GIVE INFORMED ANSWERS TO YOUR CHILD'S SPIRITUAL QUESTIONS

Who made God? Who wrote the Bible? Will my pet go to heaven? These are heartfelt questions that require informed and sensitive answers. Within the Christian SRE class, questions such as these are answered from the Bible.

You can be confident that the answers to your child's questions are not simply being plucked out of the air and that they are dealt with at the appropriate developmental level.

## 3 TO HELP IN FORMING YOUR CHILD'S PERSONAL ETHICAL AND MORAL FRAMEWORK

Christian SRE can be invaluable in the process of shaping a child's ethical and moral framework, and helping them make sense of the world. Alongside the school's teaching on morals, values and acceptable social behaviour, Christian SRE provides guidelines in the area of relationships and personal moral growth based on a biblical worldview.

The Christian faith acknowledges that people have the capacity to choose wisely or foolishly and need a moral framework to guide decisions in every area of their life.

## 4 TO BROADEN YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

On a purely practical level, an understanding of the Bible and Christian thinking is vital in our culture. 'The writings on the wall'; 'Am I my brother's keeper?' These sayings are from the Bible. When Kim Beazley was asked if he would come out of retirement to lead the Labor party, he quipped, 'That would be like Lazarus with a quadruple bypass.' Everyone knows what a bypass is, but

## Investing in the state of our children's future

There are good reasons for enrolling your child in Christian SRE, whether you consider yourself a religious person or not.

who was Lazarus, and what's he got to do with it? Tony Abbott famously referred to 'truth' and 'Gospel Truth'. What's the Gospel, and what's it got to do with truth?

The Christian heritage of our culture is still very strong and Christian SRE will help your child in understanding their culture and language.

## 5 TO PROVIDE AN AVENUE TO PASTORAL CARE

Schools work hard to support students in times of difficulty or through challenging personal situations. Christian SRE can add another dimension by assuring the child of God's love and faithfulness.

In SRE the child will develop a relationship with their teacher that can provide encouragement and pastoral care.

**REMEMBER . . .** Christian SRE lessons are prepared from a set curriculum and delivered by an authorised teacher provided by one of your local churches. All Christian SRE teachers have completed Child Protection training.

You are free at any time to talk to your child's RE teacher about the content of the lessons or to view the curriculum.



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