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## **Special Religious Education - Secondary**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to the generous support of the combined churches of the Hunter our school is able to offer Special Religious Education (SRE) sometimes known as scripture. Last year this program was very well received and will be delivered by way of special seminars in the theatre. These seminars will be for 2 periods, once per term.

This is a very well organised program and is not linked to any specific church denomination but allows all participating students the chance to discuss, question, think and ultimately make decisions for themselves regarding the Christian faith. Please note that students who participate in SRE will not in any way be disadvantaged regarding their normal class time as the curriculum will not progress during this time.

This opportunity is a part of the NSW public education system, which allows for time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents. Further information can also be found at: <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics</u>.

The school website <u>https://huntperfor-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/</u> also provides information on these options to support parent/carer choice.

As always, please feel free to contact our school if you would like to discuss this or any other part of your child's education.

## **SRE options –** please complete and return this note to the front office

□ Please check this box if you <u>do NOT wish</u> for your child to attend SRE.

OR

□ Please check this box if you **DO wish** for your child to attend SRE

Provider: Baptist Union of NSW using the WBCEA Discovery Curriculum. Further information may be found at

https://nswactbaptists.org.au/authorised-sre-curriculum/

After this permission note is returned, students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing.