## **Richmond High School**

## **Special Religious Education Program**

Special Religious Education (SRE) is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives of that persuasion. SRE was previously known as 'scripture'.

Parents/caregivers in public schools have the right to have their children receive instruction in their preferred religious persuasion, where authorised teachers of that persuasion are available.

A special religious education program is available at the school and is run by authorised volunteers of approved religious persuasions. These include:

A Catholic SRE group: organised through the Catholic Diocese of Parramatta.

A non-denominational SRE group: organised by the Baptist Union of NSW and the Anglican Diocese of Sydney.

Under the new arrangements parents will need to indicate that they wish their child to participate in SRE. Once the school receives this letter the child will continue to attend SRE until such time that a parent/carer makes contact with the school to indicate that they no longer wish their child to participate in SRE. This arrangement replaces all previous arrangements.

A copy of the letter will be sent home at the beginning of 2019. A copy of the letter is also available from the school or on the schools website.

Cliff Ralph

Principal