



21 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

In NSW public schools, meaningful teaching time for special religious education (SRE) must be allowed where authorised providers are available. Currently, Christian SRE is offered for one period per cycle to Year 7 and 8 students at Kelso High Campus.

Mrs Sue Ortiger has been approved by the NSW Department of Education and the Bathurst Council for Christian Education to deliver the Think Faith Curriculum where students participate in lessons on the Christian faith and are encouraged to evaluate its claims for themselves. Sue is not a teacher at Kelso High Campus. You can find more information about Christian SRE at <http://whysre.com.au/> and more information on Think Faith at <http://oursre.org.au/content/curriculum/gig8h4>. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content of Christian SRE lessons, please contact the Chair of the Bathurst Council for Christian Education: [chairperson@bathurstsre.org.au](mailto:chairperson@bathurstsre.org.au)

Please complete the form below and return it to Miss Sandra Howarth, Curriculum Coordinator at the campus. Students not attending SRE lessons will be provided with alternative activities in a different classroom such as reading, private study, completing homework or revision exercises. SRE lessons are delivered fortnightly in lieu of one period of a different compulsory subject per term and no academic instruction for these subjects will occur when SRE lessons are running. For more information about the SRE timetable, please contact Sandra Howarth at the campus.

I trust your child will benefit from the religious education opportunities provided by Kelso High Campus.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Sloan  
Principal

..... *please return the completed slip to Miss Sandra Howarth* .....

- ☐ I wish for my child to attend any of the campus' SRE programs provided by approved providers of SRE
- ☐ I do not wish for my child to attend any of the campus' SRE programs provided by approved providers of SRE

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_