

Special Religious Education (SRE) Teacher



Position Description

Purpose

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. Colossians 3:23, 24

Special Religious Education (SRE), also known as scripture teaching, provides an excellent pre-evangelism opportunity where SRE teachers can share the gospel with children who might not otherwise hear the message. Wagga Evangelical Church (WEC) therefore enthusiastically supports SRE in a number of ways, including financial support and the provision of teachers. WEC is an approved provider with the NSW Department of Education to conduct SRE in NSW public schools.

Brief Description

WEC SRE Teachers seek to bring God's love to the children in our local public primary schools. They provide Biblically based, well prepared, relevant and creative scripture lessons to Scripture classes in Primary Schools throughout Wagga Wagga.

Detailed Description

The WEC SRE teachers main responsibilities are:

- Prepare and deliver scripture lessons, using the approved teaching material to an assigned class/s, at the assigned time/s, each week during school term.
- Adhere to the primary schools SRE protocols (eg signing in) when on school grounds.
- Maintain safe church requirements of SRE teachers; up to date Working with Children numbers and Safe Ministry Training (which requires two year updating).
- Complete the accredited online SRE specific training produced by Baptist Church of NSW & ACT titled 'SRE Essentials Training'. Complete training updates as required, including the annual teacher observation lesson.
- Complete annual review surveys at the end of each school year.
- Review, understand and adhere to information as provided by the WEC SRE Coordinator which outlines policies, procedures, curriculum, legislation relevant to SRE teaching from organisations (such as the Department of Education, child protection authorities, WEC, Baptist training, SRE Connect curriculum, Wagga Interchurch Christian Education Team (WICCET)).

Expectations

- SRE teachers will be attending a Sunday service and a Bible study group regularly
- SRE teachers are required to agree with the WEC Leaders Code of Conduct
- SRE teachers will commit to teaching scripture for the year (not limited to that time) and are encouraged to review their participation in this ministry at the end of the calendar year
- SRE teachers will ensure that they understand and adhere to WEC policies and SRE procedures, especially the WEC Safe Church policy, Safe Ministry Management procedure, SRE Authorisation procedure and SRE complaints procedure.
- SRE teachers will ensure that they understand and adhere to NSW Department of Education (DoE) legislation, the guidelines of the DoE, and the policies of the school.
- SRE teachers will exercise due care for the safety and behaviour of students when teaching or supervising students.
- SRE teachers will spend adequate time preparing each week for their lesson (at least an hour).
- SRE teachers will attend training/other SRE meetings
- SRE teachers will take any problems or issues that arise in the course of teaching to the WEC SRE Coordinator or WEC Director of Mission

Accountability

SRE teachers are to work, support and accept the authority of the WEC SRE Coordinator and WEC Director of Mission.