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Dear Principal

Thank you for your past support of our volunteer Special Religious Education (SRE) "Scripture" teachers and of our parish families with children in your public school.

As we move into 2019 it is important to note that very few changes have been made by the Department of Education with regards to SRE teaching in state schools.

As in previous years SRE volunteers are required to:

- have their names submitted to the school with dates of birth on a Memorandum to Principals.
- wear their badges and their authorisation cards each time they enter school grounds
- have **completed their training** in Child protection and notification as well as classroom management and the use of the **approved curriculum** which can be viewed at https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/publications/curriculum-resources/

As in previous years all SRE volunteers have their **WWCC** numbers verified by the Diocese of **Parramatta** and whilst SREs will show their IDs, they are not required to provide their WWCC number nor the 100 points of ID expected of other volunteers to the school.

Please see the message below from Josh Chenery at the DoE re "100 Points ID not required" that attempts to explain the correct understanding of the document sent out by the DoE in 2017.

Needless to say, we support increased measures to ensure children's safety and we also have a responsibility to protect the privacy of the SRE volunteers.

The current Annual SRE Assurance requirements letter regarding sign-in procedures, WWCC and authorisation, the DoE RE Implementation Procedures, as well as other requirements, can be found at https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/REimplementproced.pdf

I hope this helps clarify the Provider's role in delivering SRE in public schools. Should you require more information do not hesitate to contact me on 8838 3486 or 0427 268 699 or you may prefer to contact Josh Chenery at the DoE **T**. 9244 5482, | **E** Joshua.Chenery2@det.nsw.edu.au | www.dec.nsw.gov.au .

Kind regards

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Email From Department of Education Wednesday August 30 2017

Hi Cecilia,

As stated below, the 100-point check is not a requirement for SRE teachers.

I'm happy for you to send the following:

The department's <u>WWCC Policy</u> outlines the requirements of SRE teachers in Checklist 4 in Appendix 10.

WWCC Checklist 4 - Persons working for a religious or ethics organisation (for example, work as a special educator in ethics, minister, priest, rabbi, mufti or other religious leader or spiritual officer) and providers of Special Religious Education (SRE)

| | Step detail | More information | Done? |
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| 1. | Prior to the start of the work, the religious or ethics organisation has confirmed in writing to the principal that the person has met relevant requirements under the Act. The list of approved SRE providers can be found at https://education.nsw.gov.au/religion-and-ethics/approved-sre-providers | WWCC procedure section 6 | Yes 🗆 |
| 2. | If the worker is providing SRE, in addition to the information in step 1, they have also provided their name and date of birth, and the school has checked the worker on the Not to be Employed databse. | WWCC procedure section 6 | Yes N/A |
| 3. | A copy of the confirmation has been filed. | WWCC procedure section 6 | Yes 🗆 |

Regards,

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