



## Special Religious Education (SRE)

SRE is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion. Matrville Sports High School must allow time for SRE where representatives of approved providers are available. A 50 minute period for students has been allocated on Thursdays from 2.10 – 3pm currently, no approved provider is providing SRE for students at the school.

## Voluntary student activities of a religious nature in schools

Voluntary student activities of a religious nature in schools (VSA) are not part of Special Religious Education (SRE) but may operate under the auspices and supervision of the principal. Examples of VSA include:

- student and/or volunteer led prayer groups
- student and/or volunteer led discussion groups of a religious nature
- talks organised by visitors of religious organisations
- distribution of religious materials to students, when it supports local community expectations.

Matrville Sports High School has two volunteer led discussion groups of a religious nature. One is of the Anglican religion provided by the local Anglican Church at Malabar, the other is of the Jewish faith provided by the Board of Jewish Deputies. Both groups are attended by students at lunchtime under the guidelines provided by NSW Department of Education.

If you have any queries, please contact the school on 96618000.