Introduction

The Catholic school encourages and supports the religious education and faith development of its students in all areas of school life.

The experience of Christian belief and values being lived out within the daily community life of the school and their being explicitly presented in a variety of more structural learning situations (both within the broad curriculum and in formal religious education lessons) provide for this development.

The school’s religious education program consciously seeks to identify and provide for a range of activities and situations that will achieve this.

Regulations

1 Timetabling

- A minimum of 2.5 hours per week or 40 hours per semester or 80 hours per year of religion teaching is provided in both primary and secondary schools.
- Personal development education, liturgy, prayer, hymn practice and other religious practices are not included in this provision.
- The principal ensures that the timetabling of religion classes reflects their first priority within the life of the school.

2 Programs

- Each school has a coordinated program prepared in accordance with the Archdiocesan Guidelines.
- Each school is to have its religious education program approved through the validation and endorsement process of the Archdiocese.
- Each school is to review its religious education program regularly in line with good educational practice and Archdiocesan requirements.
- The overall plan of the programme is available to parents, at least in summary form.

3 Scriptures

- Only Catholic editions are prescribed for use in the religious education program.
• It is recommended that schools choose from the recognised major translations so as to provide students with a growing familiarity with text used in liturgy and classroom teaching.
• All students from Year 4 and above should own their own copy, or have access to class sets, of the Scriptures.