# **Religious Education Year 12**

# **Course Description**



Religious Education is a compulsory area of study for all students in Year 12. The Religious Education program is designed to meet the faith and spiritual needs of all students through our Catholic tradition and the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Participation in a retreat day also makes up the Religious Education program for all students.

#### **Course Structure**

Students will participate in four units of Religion across term one and two. Each unit will last for four-five weeks and one project will be completed in each unit and used as assessment. In term 3 students will study the Sycamore project.

### The Sycamore Program

How can we find happiness? What is the meaning of life? Is there a God? Does prayer make a difference? Sycamore explores our Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It is an opportunity to share ideas, explore beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each Sycamore session involves a short film, some time for discussion and journal writing.

# **Religion through Music**

The emphasis of this unit is preparing and performing music for Mass and liturgies and developing an understanding of liturgical music. Students will explore what sacred music is and how it has changed over time. They will investigate how to share a message through contemporary songs and engage in composing and performing liturgical music.

# **Religion through Art**

Students explore how religion has been expressed over time in a variety of mediums. Discover the religious beliefs, customs and values that religious art communicates. Respond to art works and create your own piece of art.

#### **Religion through Indigenous Spirituality**

Students explore how Indigenous Australians express their spirituality through rituals, stories, artefacts, song, myth, dance, places and times. The appreciate the intense Indigenous connection to land and compare that to the Catholic Social Teaching of "Care for our Common Home."

#### Religion through Service

Students have an opportunity to assist those in our community by putting into action the Gospel values of love, compassion and service. Students will organise fundraisers, cook food for a homeless charity the school partners with and participate in other charitable activities to benefit the vulnerable in our community.

#### **Assessment**

## **Level of Achievement**

Coursework

Each unit of study, two per term in Semester 1 and then one unit In Semester 2, will have a school assessed task based on a set of outcomes.