

## Special Religious Education (SRE) Combined Arrangements Sample Form 2018

**Combined arrangements** From Department of Education Revised [Special Religious Education Procedures](#) (November 2017 p. 8)

Combined arrangements occur in some schools in the delivery of SRE. Religious persuasions may decide to provide a combined arrangement for several reasons, including human resource management. No religious persuasion should be compelled to participate in this form of organisation.

In combined arrangements, each religious persuasion must be an approved provider. The curriculum and the SRE teacher, must be authorised by at least one of the approved providers.

The approved providers must clearly identify to the school which approved provider is responsible for authorising the curriculum and the appropriate website link.

In a combined arrangement, only those students whose parents/caregivers have nominated one of the participating religious persuasions are to be included. A combined arrangement should be reviewed periodically by the school and the approved providers involved.

### **Instructions for completing this form (one required for each individual school)**

**In both Primary & High Schools where one or more churches combine to teach students from different churches, (even if those children/youth don't attend but may have a specific church or 'Christian' listed on their enrolment form) a Combined Arrangements Form needs to be supplied to the school when SRE commences each year. This applies even if all the teachers come from one church.**

**The first table** lists all the local churches and the Approved Provider they come under. (Only teachers authorised by an Approved Provider can teach SRE.) The clergy/leader from each local church sign the form to say that their church is part of the combined SRE arrangements. **The clergy listed in Table 1, by signing the form are cross authorising all the teachers listed in Table 2 to teach on their behalf.** The teachers don't need to sign the form.

**Approved Provider:** This is the 'umbrella' organisation listed on the **Government Approved Provider list** of those approved to teach SRE. Approved Providers are usually denominations, groups of churches of the one persuasion, but some independent churches are included. Those who are represented in the area (by a local church) are listed in column one of Table 1. They include churches that don't supply teachers because there may be some children who list their denomination/religion as belonging to them.

**Individual church/group** This is the name of the local church. In the case of an independent church on the Approved Providers list, it will be the same as in column one.

**Signature of Local Clergy/Leader:** This should be the Minister/Leader of the local church near the school (listed in column 2).

**The second table** is a list of all the SRE teachers: their full name, date of birth, church they attend, minister/leader who is responsible for the named SRE Teacher and contact phone number of the church of minister/leader. The statement below is an assurance that the SRE Teacher's WWCC cleared number has been verified and they have been authorised by an Approved Provider and fulfil the requirement of the NSW Department of Education. \* Rows may be added or deleted using the 'Table' tool.

**The agreed curriculum(s) to be used must be included on this form and by signing, the clergy are authorising that curriculum.**

**WHERE POSSIBLE PLEASE PHOTOCOPY  
PAGES 3 & 4 BACK TO BACK  
Or if more - STAPLED TOGETHER**

Sample

**TO BE COMPLETED AND KEPT IN A SECURE PLACE AT THE SCHOOL LISTED ON TOP.**

**Combined Arrangements for Special Religious Education at Sample School, 2018**

The providers listed below have agreed to deliver SRE *by a combined group arrangement as described on page 9, Religious Education Implementation Procedures.*

**TABLE 1**

The participating approved providers are: \* Rows may be added or deleted using the 'Table' tool.

<b>Government Approved Provider (church denomination)</b>	<b>Individual local church/group</b>	<b>Signature of clergy/leader for local church</b>
e.g. Baptist Union of NSW	Sampleville Baptist Church	<i>Sample Teacher</i>

The above participating providers have agreed to cross authorise the following teacher(s) listed in Table 2 to conduct SRE under these arrangements.  
The approved curriculum(ia) they will use is/are (listed below) which can be viewed online at (link listed below)

<b>Name of Curriculum</b>	<b>Weblink</b>
Sample Curriculum	<a href="http://www.samplewebsite.org.au">www.samplewebsite.org.au</a>

**TABLE 2** *\* Rows may be added or deleted using the 'Table' tool.*

SRE Teacher's full name	SRE Teacher's date of birth	Authorising person's church/group (where SRE Teacher attends church)	Authorising person (local minister/leader of where SRE Teacher attends church)	Authorising person's contact number (church or minister /leader's number)
Sample Teacher	01/01/1901	Sample church	Sample Minister	Sample number

The authorisation of SRE teachers, involving **verifying the clearance of the teacher's Working With Children Check Number (WWCC)**, the Department of Education's child protection and classroom management training requirements, has been conducted by the Approved Provider associated with the authorising person for the church or group that the teacher is associated with.

The authorising person should be the contact for any matter relating to a particular teacher's authorisation.

**Should there be any concerns about this arrangement for SRE, please contact**

Sample Coordinator  
Combined Churches SRE Coordinator

Sample Phone Number  
Phone

[sample@email.org.au](mailto:sample@email.org.au)  
Email

The information provided on this form will be given to the School listed above to be kept as a confidential document in a secure place solely for the purposes of the School's SRE Teachers Record and for cross referencing with the department's NTBE (Not to be Employed) database in eCPC (Electronic Casual Pay Claims).