

Checklist for Pastor's/Minister's interview with each prospective or continuing Special Religious Education (aka SRE or Scripture) teacher prior to signing their 2019-2020 SRE Authorisation Application Form

When you sign a person's SRE Teacher Authorisation Application Form you act as the authorising agent, (on behalf of the Baptist Association of NSW & ACT) who will keep all the records in your church files, authorising that person to represent you and your church in the school. If SRE (Scripture) is taught joint denominationally you also need to be confident that they can effectively represent the other denominations involved. Please ascertain that...

- They understand that they represent you and your church, and if teaching as part of a joint program, that they represent the other denominations involved.
- They are a good role model for the Christian faith and desire to pass on their faith appropriately to children.
- They are mentally and emotionally able to manage a class of children on their own, or they will operate with a competent teacher until able to manage a class effectively alone.
- Keeping in mind our duty of care for both the SRE teacher and the students, they are physically able to cope with the demands of moving around the school and classroom.
- They have approved curriculum material for every lesson and know how to use it. They understand that they must follow the approved curriculum.
- They know what support is available to them, who their coordinator is, and that they can be kept informed about in-service training and new guidelines via the website <http://www.godspace.org.au/training.html> (even if they don't use GodSpace curriculum).
- They have completed the NSW Working With Children Check. <http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/working-with-children-check>
- They have already completed the form they are asking you to endorse and transferred the information onto the 2018 on-line application <https://nswactbaptists.org.au/sre-authorisation-form/> If this doesn't work directly please copy and paste into a web browser.
- They have attended a Creating Safe Churches course or equivalent approved SCTA course in the last 3 years. Child Protection courses run for teachers, police nurses etc., are not sufficient. There are no totally on-line courses approved. Must include a face-to-face component and needs to be a church based one.
- They understand that it is a Department of Education requirement that they must do initial and ongoing SRE training.
- They understand that they must have completed **at least four of the SRE training modules since Jan 2014** including Modules 1 & 4 & 6 and now including Modules 5 & 7.(either face to face – the preferred method, or by using the online training provided <https://nswactbaptists.org.au/product/sre-essentials-training-course/> produced by the Association of Baptist Churches & GodSpace or through an authorised partner providing training that aligns with the ICCOREIS teaching SRE framework.
- Paid High School SRE Teachers must have completed or have started the Certificate Level *Teaching Christian Faith in the Classroom* and *Introduction to Pastoral Care*. <https://www.morling.edu.au/courses/certificate-in-theology-sre-teacher-training/>

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