



Information for Parents YouthCARE Christian Religious Education

The YouthCARE Christian Religious Education (CRE) program is offered at Dalkeith Primary School in accordance with Western Australian State Legislation, which allows a thirty minute lesson per week throughout Primary school. All children are welcome, regardless of religious or cultural background.

The Department of Education has approved the curriculum and recognises YouthCARE as the provider and trainer of CRE volunteers. YouthCARE CRE volunteers are trained to be respectful of the diverse cultural and religious backgrounds of the children they teach.

The YouthCARE CRE Curriculum

Using stories from the Bible, the YouthCARE CRE curriculum supports the Australian Curriculum and teaches students about the Christian beliefs and values which have profoundly shaped Australian culture. National celebrations like ANZAC day are explored. The exploration and understanding of Australian values are encouraged.

Games, drama, puzzles, discussion, art, film and music are utilised to teach the values and practices of the Christian faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Children are encouraged to express and discuss their thoughts and beliefs as they explore behaviours and attitudes in line with the nine values for Australian schooling which include: care and compassion, doing your best, honesty and trustworthiness, fair go, freedom, integrity, respect, responsibility, understanding, tolerance and inclusion.

The YouthCARE CRE curriculum is specifically designed to be implemented within the public education system, aiming to nurture and educate, not convert.

The YouthCARE CRE Curriculum and the Australian Curriculum

The YouthCARE CRE curriculum links directly with the core values and General Capabilities of the Australian Curriculum. These are:

- Self-Awareness
- Social Awareness
- Understanding ethical concepts and issues
- Self-Management
- Social Management

A YouthCARE CRE leaflet accompanies this letter to supplement this information

The YouthCARE CRE Volunteers

CRE volunteers are trained and accredited by qualified educators. They are also registered with the Department of Education and work separately to chaplains. Through YouthCARE CRE, students get the best possible opportunity to explore their own values, beliefs and ideas.

Further Enquiries

More information about YouthCARE can be found on the website www.youthcare.org.au. A sample copy of the material can be viewed in the School Office if required. Please complete the attached participation slip for your child and return to the School Office.



YouthCARE CRE 2020 Participation Slip

Please complete the following slip to indicate your child's participation in YouthCARE CRE in 2020 and return to the School Office by _____

I give permission for my child _____ of Class/Room _____ to participate in YouthCARE CRE 2020.

Signature: Parent/Guardian/Carer _____ Date _____