

Bahá'í Special Religious Education Classes

Bahá'í SRE Classes have been offered at Dalkeith Primary School for many years. All students, regardless of religious or cultural background are welcome to attend.



The Curriculum

The curriculum is based on the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í Faith, whose teachings centre on unity and peace. The teachers, who are trained volunteers registered with the Department of Education, use craft, drama and music to teach the curriculum.

The Development of Character

One of the main objectives Bahá'í SRE Classes is to help students grow spiritually. This largely means the development of virtues. Virtues such as kindness, honesty, love and courtesy, which are the building blocks of character, are explored in depth. Bahá'ís believe that every child is a storehouse of virtues waiting to be developed. We acknowledge when a child is practising a virtue, and by encouraging a child to practise the virtue we support the child in his or her spiritual development. Bahá'ís believe the development of virtues in individuals is the foundation of a peaceful world.

The Unity of Faiths

Bahá'í SRE Classes foster an understanding of the commonality of the major faiths. The students learn that the world's faiths are like chapters of one book – the title is different, but the story continues. Students become familiar with the major faiths of the world, such as indigenous spirituality, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Islam and the Bahá'í Faith and understand how they connect with each other. The teaching of virtues is like a golden thread that runs through all faiths.

A Peaceful World

Students explore universal principles that lay the foundation for a peaceful world. For example; we are all one human family no matter our colour, race, religion, education, or nationality; promoting unity and valuing diversity; the equality of women and men; the need for the elimination of all forms of prejudice; caring for our environment and the skills of peaceful problem solving through consultation.

Inner Peace

Students learn that peace in the world begins with inner peace; that prayer, meditation and service to humanity will help them along the path of inner peace.

Independent Thinking

One of the fundamental principles of Bahá'í education is to facilitate the development of children's capacity to think, independently and objectively, and actively seek truth by this means. Thus, Bahá'í education does not seek to convert or indoctrinate. Students are encouraged to question and explore.

Further Information

For further information about the classes please feel free to contact Shandeez Lewis 0402 219 999 or for further information on the Bahá'í Faith, visit <http://www.bahai.org.au/>

If you feel your child would enjoy attending Bahá'í SRE Classes please complete the Permission Slip below and return to the School Office.

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PERMISSION SLIP

Please return to student's teacher or the School Office

I give permission for my child _____ Room _____ to attend Bahá'í SRE Classes.

Name of Parent or Guardian _____ Signature _____