



Authorisation Process

Information for perspective Special Religious Education (SRE) teachers

Thank you for considering becoming an SRE teacher. These steps will help you understand what is involved in becoming an SRE teacher and the ongoing requirements for SRE teachers. As you read, we pray you will also discern whether you are the right person to teach SRE. **Contact your parish leader to discuss becoming an SRE volunteer before beginning this authorisation process.**

Recognition for prior learning is available.

Initial

- Step 1:** Apply for a Working with Children Check (WWCC) [here](#). If you don't have the internet, please visit a Service NSW office. You will need your WWCC number before you can complete step 2.
- Step 2:** Complete the Diocesan [Volunteer Induction Handbook and forms](#). The parish will send the forms to Volunteers@mn.catholic.org.au and the Diocesan HR (Human Resources) office will email the parish office notifying them that the parishioner is cleared to volunteer. The parish would then communicate this information to the volunteer.
- Step 3:** Complete CCRESS (Catholic Conference of Religious Educators in State Schools in NSW-ACT) online Child Protection Course – email sregeneral@mn.catholic.org.au for access. Note: This MUST be completed before you can enter a classroom. You and your parish will be notified when the Formation & Education office receives notification that the course is completed.
- Step 4:** Read the Diocesan [SRE Code of Conduct](#) with your parish SRE coordinator/ Family Ministry Coordinator (FMC)/Parish Induction coordinator who will then sign this section on the Authorisation form. (This could be done with Step 2).
- Step 5:** Complete the [SRE Authorisation Form](#) and have it signed by your Parish Leader. After completion, the parish will give you a copy and also forward a copy to the Formation and Education Office.
- Step 6:** Your Parish office will be sent an SRE Authorisation card for your Parish Priest to sign and authorise you to commence teaching. Please carry this card when attending schools.

Within 6 months

Step 7: Complete Course 2: Safeguarding in Parishes training in the first six months. The [Office of Safeguarding website](#) has dates and registration details.

Within 12 months

Step 8: Continue CCRESS online training. Once you have completed all courses, email sregeneral@mn.catholic.org.au.

Ongoing

As part of the review process SRE teachers agree to complete a teacher self-reflection **every 12 months**.

Online Safeguarding training update every year and face to face training every 6 years.

Working with Children check to be renewed every 5 years.

SRE Authorisation form needs to be completed every 5 years.

Regular and ongoing training in Classroom management strategies, implementation of the curriculum and relevant Department of Education policies & procedures.