



# ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/ caregiver,

Parents/caregivers in public schools have the right to have their children receive instruction in their preferred religious persuasion, where authorised teachers of that persuasion are available.

St Clair High School has been approached by the Baptist Union of NSW and St Clair Anglican Church to run Special Religious Education (SRE) on alternate weeks to Year 7 and 8 students. They are an authorised provider with the Department of Education.

These classes will take place on a Wednesday morning between 9.30am-10.00am. If students opt out they will continue with their normal day; attending year meetings or their formal assembly. Classes will commence on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Department of Education Policy states that students have the option to **opt out** of special religious education, by completing and returning the tear-off form below and returning it to the office. If the tear-off form is not returned students are required to attend SRE.

Students continue in the same arrangement each year, unless a parent/caregiver has requested a change in writing. At any time, you have the right to withdraw your child from the nominated lessons. A note to the Principal will affect this change.

Regards,

Sally Smithard  
Relieving Principal

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**I wish to withdraw my child from special religious education**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

I do not wish my child to attend any of the school's SRE programs provided by approved providers of SRE.

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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