



Policy Number:	STUDENT 12
Policy Name:	VCE Religious Education Policy
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PREAMBLE

God is at the centre of our College...Mercy is the heartbeat of the Gospel. We encourage every student to grow in the fullness of life and realise their potential through the bread we break at school, the bread of relationships and the bread of conversation. Let us engage the heart and bring faith to life and life to faith (Thomas Groome).

LEGISLATION

This policy takes into account relevant legislative requirements within the state of Victoria, including the specific requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards as set out in *Ministerial Order No. 870*. This policy applies to St Joseph's College staff, including employees, volunteers, contractors and clergy.

1. PURPOSE

1.1 As a Catholic school in the Mercy tradition, St Joseph's College places great emphasis on educating students in the Catholic faith tradition, while respecting other religious traditions.

1.2 Religious Education at St Joseph's College has several dimensions. The foundation of the entire college curriculum is the traditional Catholic quest to integrate faith in the mystery of God with supporting reason and knowledge. Students are encouraged to develop an understanding of the nature of religion generally and the Catholic tradition specifically. Students are given the opportunity to use a better knowledge of faith-related material to make judgements about an individualised faith response.

2. YEAR 11 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2.1 Students completing their VCE studies at St Joseph's College are expected to successfully satisfy the requirements of the Religious Education curriculum.

2.2 The requirements of the Religious Education program include:

- Successful completion of at least one unit of Religious Education in Year 11.
- Attendance at the Year 11 Seminar Day.
- Attendance at Seminar Days as organised and advertised during the year.
- Community Service.

2.3 Units offered in the Religious Education curriculum include:

- VCE Religion and Society Unit 2: Religion and Ethics.
- VCE Religion and Society Units 3 & 4: Search for Meaning; Religion, Challenge and Change.
- RE Art: ART111
- Community Service: 20 hours

3. YEAR 12 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

3.1 Students completing their VCE studies at St Joseph's College are expected to successfully satisfy the requirements of the Religious Education curriculum.

3.2 The requirements of the Religious Education program include:

- Attendance at the Year 12 Retreat at Anglesea.
- Attendance at Seminar Days as organised and advertised during the year.
- Community Service.

3.3 Units offered in the Religious Education curriculum have included:

- VCE Religion and Society Unit 2: Religion and Ethics.
- VCE Religion and Society Units 3 & 4: Search for Meaning; Religion, Challenge and Change.
- RE Art: ART111
- Community Service: 20 hours

3.4 Successful completion of Religious Education at St Joseph's College is a pre-requisite for graduation from the college.