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Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics Participation Letter

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents.

The school website provides information on these options to support parent/carer choice. Visit <https://bonnetbay-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/religion-and-ethics>

Special Religious Education (SRE) is provided in public schools during school time, by authorised representatives of approved religious groups for instruction in that faith. SRE is voluntary and schools organise SRE according to parent/caregiver preference.

Special Education in Ethics (SEE) is offered which examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. The process allows students to consider other people's points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences and disagreements. Ethics classes are delivered by trained **parent volunteers** who are authorised representatives of the approved provider of Special Education in Ethics. For information on volunteering visit www.primaryethics.com.au/volunteer. **If students elect to participate in Ethics and there isn't a volunteer to facilitate their class, they will attend Alternate Meaningful Activities (AMA) until such times as additional volunteers are engaged.**

For more information about Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE), including the list of approved providers, please visit:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-across-the-curriculum/religion-and-ethics>

Please indicate the **SRE** or **SEE** class preference for your child on the tear-off section below and return it to school. Students attending **AMA** are engaged in supervised alternative meaningful activities.

<u>SRE/SEE Class</u>	<u>Groups Involved</u>	<u>Approved Provider</u>
Combined Christian Catholic Ethics	Anglican, Uniting, Presbyterian, Baptist Catholic Ethics	Anglican Diocese of Sydney Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Primary Ethics

A parent/carer may at any time notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision. Students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing.

Mrs Liz Rudder
Principal

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I wish for my child: _____ of class: _____ to attend:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Combined Christian SRE Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Education in Ethics SEE Class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic SRE Class | <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Meaningful Activities AMA Class |

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____