



Religious Education Curriculum

Focus Areas – Year 5

During the year the students will engage in the following units of work. Class teachers will advise which units are being covered in the Term Overview, distributed at the start of each term.

How do people live the experience of their faith week to week?

Students explore how faith is shared and strengthened in communities of believers through personal and communal prayer and worship, including Eucharist, the Psalms and Sabbath rituals, prayers and the writings of Saints (including St Mary of the Cross).

How can the Holy Spirit move my world?

Students investigate the action and names of the Holy Spirit as described in Scripture. They learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation through words, symbols and actions that link to the Holy Spirit and explore the gifts and fruits of the Spirit in the lives of believers.

How do we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus?

Students explore what they can learn about Mary, mother of Jesus and mother of the Church through Marian prayers, the Rosary, litanies and the story of Mary in Scripture. They focus on using these for their own experience of meditative prayer.

What does Jesus teach us?

Believers live according to Jesus' new commandment of charity (love) and make and act upon informed moral choices. Formation of conscience with the Decalogue and Beatitudes as guiding scripture. Develop and explain a personal choice or action that demonstrates how Jesus' teaching can apply to the world today.

What did Mary MacKillop teach us?

Students locate and record information about the contribution of pioneering Catholics (particularly Mary MacKillop) in Australia to the preservation of faith and the shaping of particular communities, including indigenous communities.