

## **Christian Outreach Centre (COC) trading as International Network of Churches (INC)**

COC as the legal entity, now operating as INC, operates local churches throughout Australia, including New South Wales.

SRE in New South Wales, is an ongoing part of INC's mission and purpose through local churches.

INC is aware that the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) is committed to creating quality learning opportunities for children and young people.

This includes strengthening their physical, social, emotional and spiritual development. (Wellbeing Framework)

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/whole-school-approach/wellbeing-framework-for-schools>

Working in our Public Schools (Primary & High schools) is a unique space and it is important that INC people comply with the responsibilities and privileges INC (legal entity COC) has as an Approved Provider of SRE.

All INC NSW SRE teachers must:

1. Be authorised by their local INC church, using the INC SRE Engagement form.
2. Have an ongoing relationship with the local church Senior Pastor, for accountability and leadership development.
3. Have a current WWCC
4. Complete both INC Safe Church training, and the Minimum Training Standard (including Classroom management training), such as provided by ICCOREIS - [SRE training](#). Both INC Safe Church and SRE training need updating every three years. New SRE teachers need to complete training PRIOR to commencing. Current SRE teachers may have authorisation withdrawn if training is not completed. INC recognises training that covers the Basic Training Standard, including those provided by the Anglican Church, NSW Baptists, Connect, and ICCOREIS, as outlined on the ICCOREIS training page. <http://www.iccoreis.asn.au/teaching-sre/training/>  
**\*paid SRE teachers will require a certificate in SRE from 2018 unless RPL is provided.**
5. Use an INC approved SRE curriculum as outlined below.
6. In combined arrangements (ie teaching joint denominational SRE), provide the school with a list of the names and contact details local representatives and teachers BEFORE commencement of SRE

7. Provide schools with the Date of Birth of SRE teachers to check against the department's NTBE (not to be employed) database
8. Wear a name badge issued by your local INC church at all times in the school that includes the name of the authorising provider
9. Provide photo identification as requested by the school
10. Young people who may be assisting with SRE must sign the department's Working with Children Check-Declaration for Volunteers and Contractors

**Curriculum INC approves for use are as follows;**

(you will find the scope and sequence of these curriculum's below)

- [Think Faith curriculum](#)
- [Connect Cycles A to C overview](#)
- [Godspace](#)
- [Bible Explored](#)

INC further commits to reviewing the Curriculum used for SRE on an ongoing basis, including using feedback from Approved SRE teachers.

For more information in regards to NSW Department of Education policy and procedures follow the link below:

**[Religious Education Procedures](#)**

**[Ethics](#)**

**[Department of education code of conduct \(SRE teachers should be aware of its content and work to abide by it\)](#)**

**[Bullying/Preventing and Responding](#)**

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