

## SPECIAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER DECLARATION

### Introductory comments:

The Department of Education requires that all non-employees who are permitted to teach Special Religious Education (SRE) in its schools be appropriate and responsible persons. Each authorised religious persuasion must give an undertaking that any SRE teacher authorised to enter Government schools had not had a criminal conviction within the meaning of the Criminal Records Act 1991.

In keeping with current child protection legislation, all SRE teachers are required to apply for a Working with Children Check and obtain a clearance number. The number and your date of birth must be provided to your approved provider for verification. (N.B. This is already provided on the application/renewal form.)

In response to the above requirements, the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle have prepared the following declaration, which all diocesan SRE teachers must sign.

### DECLARATION

I hereby state that I have volunteered my services to the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, who is an Approved Provider of SRE teachers with the Department of Education.

I declare that:

- I have a current NSW Working with Children Check clearance and have provided it to the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle with the date of expiry and my date of birth.
- At the time of engagement, I have no criminal convictions within the meaning of the Criminal Records Act 1991. I understand that 'conviction' defined in the Act includes a conviction, whether summary or on indictment for an offence, and includes a finding or order that an offence has been proved, or that a person is guilty of an offence, without proceeding to conviction.
- I am not subject to any pending court proceedings relating to a criminal matter in Australia or overseas.
- I have no convictions that cannot become spent within the meaning of the Criminal Records Act 1991 including but not limited to:
  - a) Convictions for which a prison sentence of more than six months has been imposed, or
  - b) Convictions of sexual offences

I agree by signing this declaration:

- I acknowledge that the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese will keep this declaration on file.
- Maitland-Newcastle Diocese may share this information with the NSW Department of Education when requested.
- If, during the course of my engagement as an SRE teacher I become a subject of any allegations and/ or charges of a criminal matter, court proceedings and/ or incur a conviction, I have an obligation and responsibility to notify the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese ([sregeneral@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:sregeneral@mn.catholic.org.au)).

- I give permission to Maitland-Newcastle Diocese to disclose this information to the NSW Department of education and I understand that I may be subject to undertake a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (NCCHC) for a risk assessment.

Please write your legal name (same as that on your WWC number). Please use BLOCK LETTERS:

<b>SRE Teacher Details</b>	
Title	
Family name	
Given name(s)	
Date of birth	
Street Address	
Town/Suburb	
Postcode	
State	
Email	
Contact Number	

<b>Emergency Contact Details</b>	
Emergency Contact's Name	
Contact Number	

<b>WWCC Details</b>	
WWC number	
Name on WWCC Clearance	
WWCC Expiry Date	

On completion, retain a copy for your SRE coordinator or parish representative. The original forms are to be sent to the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, [sregeneral@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:sregeneral@mn.catholic.org.au)

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF CHURCH I ATTEND:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DENOMINATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_