

Summary of the Basic SRE Training Modules as presented by the GodSpace Team

There are now new Department of Education and Communities (DEC) guidelines for SRE and with a government review taking place in 2014/15 it's most important that all SRE teachers abide by these guidelines. Approved Providers, such as the Baptist Union of NSW, now have to give an assurance to the government that all teachers they authorise receive 'initial and ongoing training'. That means that to receive authorisation, two types of training is required - safe ministry training (Creating Safe Spaces) and SRE classroom training.

It is a Government requirement that all teachers attend initial and ongoing training in child protection. We require that you attend one that includes spiritual aspects, therefore for information of Safe Churches Training (includes Child Protection) go to the calendar on this website. <http://www.ncca.org.au/departments/safe-church-network/scta/scta-workshop-calendar>

Regardless of what curriculum you use all need to do training. Our list of current training days are listed on the GodSpace website <http://www.godspace.org.au/training.html> or Baptist SRE website http://baptistsre.nswactbaptists.org.au/Baptist_SRE/Training.html

The teaching presented in the modules is in line with the Basic SRE Training Standard required for SRE teachers, agreed interdenominationally through ICCOREIS in 2011 and is the standard for classroom competency for volunteer SRE teachers.

This training is geared towards helping each SRE teacher be the best they can be, regardless of their experience and competence.

These events are partnered with NSW & ACT Baptist Churches and GodSpace, in support of Christian SRE teachers from all denominations. It does not matter which curriculum you are using.

Face to face training days ensure you are up to date with the latest information, in particular with the new guidelines, and is a wonderful opportunity for the new and prospective teachers to gain value insights from those more experienced teacher who are there for the day too.

To register is done on line and there's a \$20 charge, for a whole day – two modules (or \$15 if only doing one module), payable on line when you register to be part of an informative, interactive learning experience in which you'll meet other SRE teachers, share their top tips and challenges and pick up practical help for your class.

Module 1 Teaching SRE in Government Schools is the opportunity to explore together ways of doing SRE that schools and parents are likely to appreciate, while teaching a strong biblical message. This includes Essential Dos and Don'ts and Staying within the DEC Guidelines.

Module 2 Learning and Teach is about communication and particularly ways to communicate effectively with kids. This second module is also helpful for kids ministry leaders in churches. We'll look at elements of Good Communication, What's Different About Communicating With Kids? SRE Appropriate Language, Messages that are Shaping Kids, Different Teaching Styles.

Module 3 Preparing and Delivering Lessons focuses on what we teach, the Curriculum, kid's and our God view, preparing and delivering lessons and exploring on-going learning and support for teachers.

Module 4 Communicating in the Classroom is all about relating well to contemporary kids, group management and strategies that help kids learn. There is lots in here for Sunday School teachers as well. Participants will have opportunity to share their top tips and discuss classroom challenges.

Module 5 Introduction to the Bible/SRE & the Bible is an interactive Bible overview to help teachers have a good understanding of the development of the Bible, when/where people and events fit into God's Story for us all. As well as making it relevant for today's kids and youth.

Module 6 Observation in the Classroom is an opportunity to observe a fellow teacher in the classroom and also be observed by someone (and to observe another teacher). We highly recommend that both of these are by someone you feel you can learn from.

You can download more information from:

http://baptistsre.nswactbaptists.org.au/Baptist_SRE/Important_Forms.html