RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION GUIDE

"Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world." **Pope Francis**





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The learning and teaching program at Kilbreda College is both dynamic and innovative, catering for the students' spiritual, academic, social, emotional and physical development. Students are challenged to be creative, critical and reflective thinkers and to develop a broad and transferable skill set. Opportunities for both independent and collaborative learning are provided and contemporary technologies are integrated throughout the learning and teaching program.

Religious Education is at the heart of the school curriculum. Students have opportunities to explore tradition and practices, Church history, Christian values and morality and interfaith dialogue. They also learn how to connect their cultural and life experience with religion and look at faith and spirituality to help make sense of the world. Religious Education, together with many other aspects of school life, builds in our students an understanding of themselves and their identity that has connections with people that have gone before them.

Students are also encouraged to practise prayer and meditation and to participate in a variety of liturgies and rituals influenced by the Church's liturgical calendar. They engage in reflection days and retreats, as well as participate in a broad range of community building events. An integral part of the Religious Education curriculum is our commitment to social justice. There are various ways in which students, staff and families engage in matters of social justice at the College and in the wider community, and through these contributions make a real difference in our world.

Social justice at the College includes Living Justice leaders, the Community Action group, FIRE Carriers, Project Compassion, Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP) and support of initiatives for Kildare Ministries.

The Religious Education program aims to help students reflect on their beliefs and values, foster their own spirituality and to reach out to others in our world, inspiring Kilbreda girls to live the Brigidine motto of *Strength and Kindliness.*

Religious Education Curriculum

The Religious Education curriculum is year long at each year level.

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9
Core Study - Year Long	Core Study - Year Long	Core Study - Year Long
Religious Education	Religious Education	Religious Education
YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
Core Study - Year Long	Core Study - Year Long	Core Study - Year Long
Religious Education	 Religion and Society (Ethics), or Text and Traditions 3&4 	 School Based Religious Education Meaning and Values A Spirituality for Today Religious Education and the Arts

Annual Events

Year 12 Retreat

The Year 12 Retreat offers the entire year level the opportunity to go away for three days to reflect, bond, share their thoughts and aspirations for the future and prepare for the months ahead of their final year of schooling.

Brigidine Day

A day dedicated to celebrating St Brigid and living out her legacy by raising funds to support vulnerable communities. In addition to a College Mass there is a presentation of the Brigid Awards - peer nominated awards given to students who demonstrate *Strength and Kindliness* and enact the College values. Students also have the opportunity to dress up and participate in a number of fun activities throughout the day.

College Masses and Liturgies

There are a number of Masses and Liturgies held throughout the year. These masses give students the opportunity to participate and contribute with readings and performances, and experience the connection of coming together with their peers to pause and reflect.

Cocurricular and Enrichment Opportunities

- FIRE Carriers
- Seminar Days
- Indigenous Immersion
- Interfaith Excursion
- Building Bridges Interfaith Group
- Reflection Days
- Year 12 Retreat
- Living Justice group
- Community Action group





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