

Religious Education

Learning Area Overview

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 invited to prayer as a part of their learning and, in the broader context of Faith and Mission, participate in a variety of liturgies and rituals.

An integral part of the Religious Education curriculum is our commitment to social justice. This notion is explored within areas of study at every year level, allowing students to effectively develop a deeper understanding of this important commitment. This is then reinforced through the Living Justice initiatives of the College, which engages students, staff and families throughout the year.

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Religious Education	Core Study – Year Long <ul style="list-style-type: none">Religious Education	Core Study – Year Long Core Study and Elective each semester <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 x Core Units2 x Elective Choices<ul style="list-style-type: none">Culture In ContextLiving JusticeMission In ActionWomen Can Shape The World
YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
VCE Study - Year Long <ul style="list-style-type: none">Religion and Society - Unit 1, orTexts and Traditions - Unit 1	VCE Study - Year Long <ul style="list-style-type: none">Religion and Society (Ethics) - Unit 2, orTexts and Traditions 3&4 (Units 3&4 may be alternately done in Year 12.)	Core Study - Year Long <ul style="list-style-type: none">School Based Religious Education<ul style="list-style-type: none">Social JusticeSpiritualityKildare and Kilbreda Values

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Cocurricular and Enrichment Opportunities

- Seminar Days
- *Building Bridges* Interfaith Group
- Reflection Days
- Living Justice group
- Community Action group

Annual Events

Brigidine Day

This day is dedicated to celebrating St Brigid and living out her legacy. While the classroom allows students to develop an understanding of our patroness, this day develops the social justice initiatives of the College by raising funds to support vulnerable communities. In addition to the celebration of 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 participate in a number of fun activities throughout the day, allowing the community to celebrate together.