

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## CORE SUBJECT: Across Four Semesters

### WHY STUDY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

Religion and spirituality continue to hold a significant place in Australian society. When we understand what it means to live as part of a wondrous world with a diverse way of seeing we can better understand what it means to be a global citizen. In Religious Education at Mercy College students learn about the Christian religion and participate in faith experiences which may develop and nurture a religious way of living. The opportunity to teach others about religion and its beliefs, traditions, practices, sacred texts and meanings is valued by Religious Educators at Mercy College.



### COURSE ORGANISATION:

The study of Religion in Year 7 and 8 is a four semester program organised upon four different strands:

- Prayer
- Beliefs
- Morality
- Sacraments



## Semester 1 7RELI - Our Story

As you begin your new journey at Mercy College we learn about the story of the Mercy Sisters as part of our Mercy College story and charism. We become familiar with the Catholic Mass and important people in the Catholic tradition. Beginning with your own story we explore the wondrous creation that we are all a part of and we learn about Jesus of Nazareth, his story and time and place in first century Palestine.

## Semester 2 RE402 - Looking In Looking Out

Looking at and exploring the Catholic community that we are a part of we learn more about how Catholics celebrate through the Sacraments. Learning about the Bible as the sacred text of Christianity we explore stories from the Hebrew Scriptures and in particular the teaching of the Ten Commandments. By looking in at what Catholics believe we are now ready to look out and identify how our Mercy College Community is a wonderful example of living justly as a community.



## Semester 1 RE501 - A Journey of Faith

Christians are called to be examples of Jesus. Through dramatic expression we listen to the messages found in the Parables about compassion, justice and hope. As students of Mercy College we begin to take the journey of learning how to become members of the Church called to be like Jesus by exploring the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

## Semester 2 RE502 - Values and Decisions

God is a relationship of love and Christian life is about growing right in relationship. Through exploring moral scenarios we learn more about how to make positive and powerful decisions about our own life. We develop a deeper understanding of models for Christian life and values. We develop our prayer life using stillness to guide our thoughts and actions and lead others in Liturgy.



## Assessment

Teaching and learning is based on the four strands in Religious Education, and assessment is focused on student knowledge and skills and application in:

- **Creating** (keynote presentations, multi-modals, dramatic representations)
- **Reflecting** (prayer, reflective journals, moral scenarios)
- **Informing** (research, fact sheets, exams, persuasive writing, analytical writing, brochures)

