



3.4.9 RELIGIONS EDUCATION

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Rationale

Religious Education is the foundation of the spiritual life for St. Mary's students. It is the subject that assists in establishing and instilling holy principles in their lives. In a wider sense, it guides in teaching a sense of absolute morals, based on the Holy Bible, and the teachings of the Coptic Orthodox Church.

Aims

- The Religious Education program teaches the message of the Holy Bible
- Endeavours to impart an appreciation of the saints of the Church
- Teaches traditions
- Encourages a knowledge and love of the prayers of the Church

Implementation

- There is a yearly overview, term by term planner, as well as detailed weekly lesson plans for Religious Education. There is also a continuity and flow of topics from Preparatory to Year 12 for any given strand, shown through scope and sequence.
- Students are not grouped, all learning the same material, although early finishers are encouraged to read on or learn a new prayer.
- Planning resources include the Holy Bible, the Synexarion (chronicles of the feasts and biographies of the saints), the Agpia (canonical hours prayer book) and religious books.
- Resources also include videos, audio tapes, DVD's and CDs, bibleactivities.com and other internet sites, etc.
- Lessons are given once per week for Grades Prep to Two, and twice weekly for Grades Three to Year Nine.
- VCE Text and traditions and ethics from years ten to twelve.
- The department is composed of three teaching members
- Assessment is generally done through oral recitation, observation and written examinations
- Reporting is given to parents through parent-teacher interviews and half and end-of-year reports.
- The College provides an annual budget to purchase resources for this department.

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