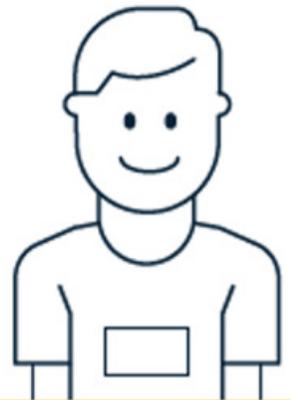


Study of Special Religious Education and its value to contemporary society

Key values outlined in the National Framework for Values Education

1. Care and compassion
2. Doing your best
3. Fair go
4. Freedom
5. Honesty and trustworthiness
6. Integrity
7. Respect
8. Responsibility
9. Understanding, tolerance and inclusion



SRE is an important part of the rich tapestry of contemporary Australian society

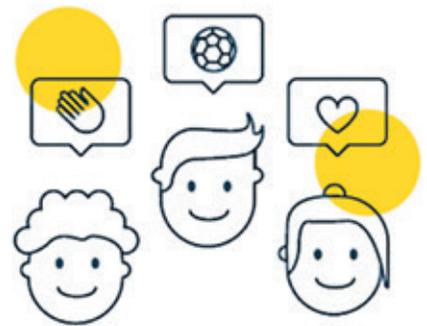
This report outlines the importance of maintaining SRE while ensuring that programs are developed within a reflective and critical lens. Programs should also consider the Australian Government's nine key values and all the key

recommendations from the 2015 government review. Implementing these recommendations will strengthen young people's personal identity and convey the importance of religious education for their moral and ethical development.

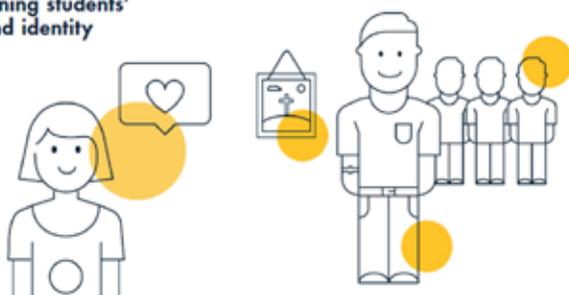
SRE's positive contribution to contemporary society

The global debate regarding religious education in government schools has stimulated discussion in Australia around the merit of SRE and its place in contemporary Australian society. Providing SRE classes for NSW students and their diverse religious backgrounds allows for a more intentional teaching and learning approach to fostering spirituality, religious belief, and religious

values. In addition to providing important psychological benefits to students' health and wellbeing, SRE classes can strengthen the multicultural fabric of Australia and foster social cohesion by providing a sense of belonging and **safe places** for students to explore deeper questions of cultural and religious identity in an environment of **trust and respect**.



Strengthening students' culture and identity



Awardees with MPs, Parliamentary SRE celebration