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# COVID-19

## INFORMATION UPDATE

24<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Please see the below letter sent to NSW Department of Education and all Local Uniting Churches Supporting SRE; Presbyteries of the NSW and ACT Synod.

### **Temporary pause of Uniting Church involvement in Special Religious Education (SRE) in NSW Government Schools.**

Due to the current health situation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the decision has been made to pause all Uniting Church involvement in face-to-face Special Religious Education (SRE) classes in Public Schools.

Yesterday (23<sup>rd</sup> March), we received additional information from the NSW Department of Education regarding the current functioning of schools. The Department acknowledges that many individual schools and some providers of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Primary Ethics (SEE) have paused the delivery of classes from this week.

In an effort to support our Public School at this challenging time, pausing our involvement in face-to-face SRE classes will reduce number of individuals entering schools, and free up time and resources for local schools to manage the new mixed-mode (online and in-school) learning environment.

We encourage you to communicate your thanks and appreciation to school staff who continue to work at this difficult time.

In summary:

- **All Uniting Church personnel (volunteer and paid) are to pause involvement in Special Religious Education (SRE) in NSW Public Schools until further notice**

Any questions from Uniting Church SRE teachers or local Uniting Churches about this pause in SRE involvement please contact:

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