



Southern Cross Catholic College



Subject Selection Evening

Religion



Religion

Students at Southern Cross Catholic College must complete some form of religious study across the four semesters. Two courses are currently being offered. Students may apply for a variation from these courses of study in religion – see below:


Study of Religion

Study of Religion can contribute to a student's ATAR. It is the investigation and study of religious traditions and how religion has influenced, and continues to influence, people's lives. As religions are living traditions, a variety of religious expressions exist within each tradition. Religious beliefs and practices also influence the social, cultural and political lives of people and nations. Students become aware of their own religious beliefs, the religious beliefs of others, and how people holding such beliefs are able to co-exist in a pluralist society.

In this subject, students study the five major world religions of Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism; and Australian Aboriginal spiritualities and Torres Strait Islander religion. These are explored through sacred texts and religious writings (Unit 1) that offer insights into life, and the rituals that mark significant moments and events in the religion itself and the lives of adherents. (Unit 2) Sacred texts, religious writings and rituals provide the foundations for understanding religious ethics (Unit 3) and the ways religion functions in society and culture (Unit 4).

With the interconnectedness of the units changing into Study of Religion after the commencement of Year 11 could be a disadvantage to them. No credit towards an ATAR can be obtained if a student changes subject in Units 1 & 2.

Students will complete a total of *four* summative assessments — three internal and one external — that count towards their final mark in each subject. Each will contribute 25% towards a student's result. Assessment requirements range from examinations of 800 to 1000 words and research assignments up to 2000 words in length.





Religion and Ethics

This Applied syllabus provides for a course of study that encourages students to explore their personal values and life choices and the ways in which these are related to their beliefs. Religion and Ethics helps students understand the personal, relational and spiritual perspectives of human experience. A search for meaning assists students from different cultural, social, linguistic and economic backgrounds to learn about and reflect on the richness of religious and ethical worldviews.

Assessment will take the form of a multimodal project, research investigation, extended response to stimulus and examination.

No more than one Applied subject can contribute to an ATAR calculation. Results will contribute to the QCE.



Variation to Religious studies

Students may apply to undertake a religious course other than Study of Religion and Religion and Ethics if their choice of ATAR subjects is specialized towards a specific university course which requires a very high ATAR entry. In this situation, students will need to display evidence of very high standards in subjects in Year 10 which serve as foundational to what they will be studying in Year 11 and 12, together with high levels of organisational skills and diligence. An interview will be required to discuss the implications of this.