



Year Five

Focus of Religious Education Units

Unit 1: How do lessons from the Bible inform our school rules and values? ?

Lent and Holy Week

Students develop their understanding that for Christians, conscience is informed by the Word of God. They describe ways in which believers live according to Jesus' moral teachings and new commandment of charity (love). They will develop their understanding that Christian charity calls people to go beyond existing laws to care for the well-being of others and relate this to their personal actions and choices.

Core texts in this unit: The Decalogue Leviticus 19:1-3, 9-18

"This is my commandment..." (John 15:9-17)

Unit 2: How does the Holy Spirit rock my world?

Students will learn about the action of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers as they engage with a variety of texts, including Scriptural references to the Holy Spirit and the Catholic Rite of Confirmation.

Core texts in this unit: The Story of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-15); Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23); The Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:9-13); The Beatitudes (Luke 6:20-36, Matthew 5:1-12)

Unit 3: How do people from the past influence our lives in today's communities?

Students will begin to appreciate the significance of community for sharing and strengthening the faith of believers, past and present, including the Church in the Australian colonies. They will understand prayer and worship is significant for communities of believers and explore the wisdom and influence of the Saints, particularly St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, in early Australian communities.

Core texts in this unit: The Shema Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11:13-21 Numbers 15:37-41

Unit 4: Why is Mary special?

Students will look at the role of Mary as mother of the church. They will learn about the significance of Marian prayers in which believers praise God and entrust cares and petitions to Mary as mother of Jesus and mother of the Church. They will examine the Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, identifying similarities and differences, and looking at how Gospel authors shaped their writings for their own communities.

Core texts in this unit: Mary visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45); Announcement to Mary (Luke 1:26-38); Announcement to Joseph (Matthew 1:18-25); Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-14); Visit of Shepherd (Luke 2:15-20); Visit of Magi (Matthew 2:1-12); Flight to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15); Mary's song of praise to God (Luke 1:46-56)