

# Special Religious Education Code of Conduct training



*Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney*

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# Unit Objectives

After completing the Safeguarding Unit participants will be able to:

- define key terms associated with safeguarding children and young people
- identify the key documents associated with safeguarding children and young people in the Archdiocese of Sydney
- list the key pieces of legislation associated with safeguarding children and young people
- describe and identify what is reportable conduct
- be familiar with "*Safeguarding guidelines for SRE teachers and assistants*" on pages 17-23 of this training manual
- be aware of the reporting procedure for reportable conduct and breaches of the *Safeguarding guidelines for SRE teachers and assistants*
- be able to apply the *Safeguarding guidelines for SRE teachers and assistants* in varied scenarios
- meet the requirements of the Archdiocesan *Code of Conduct for Working with Children and Young People* as a Catechist who will serve as a SRE Teacher in NSW public schools
- be aware of the NSW Department of Education [Code of Conduct, which includes the Social Media Policy \(Section 23 of the Code\)](#)

**Pope Saint John Paul II on society and life:**

"... every human being is endowed with a dignity that must never be lessened, impaired or destroyed but must instead be respected and safeguarded, if peace is really to be built up."  
[Address to the General Assembly of the United Nations 2 Oct 1979](#)

# Safeguarding requirement

Catechists and Catechist Helpers are officially called Special Religious Education (**SRE**) Teachers in NSW Government (public) schools. They are required to:

- a) sign the "**Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Code of Conduct for Working with Children**" which we will now refer to as the **CAS Code**;

and receive training in this **SRE Appendix** to the CAS Code.

**CAS Code** (a picture of its front page appears below)

Your Parish is responsible for ensuring that you sign a copy of the CAS Code and for securely keeping your signed copy along with your Working with Children Check details.

This document that you are reading is the **SRE Appendix** to the CAS Code. This SRE Appendix forms the basis of the mandatory SRE induction training provided by the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (**CCD**) to adhere to the NSW Government Department of Education (**DoE**) requirements.

- b) be aware of the NSW Department of Education [Code of Conduct, which includes the Social Media Policy \(see Section 23 of the Code\)](#)\* and act in accordance with the conduct described in it. This **SRE Appendix** presents information, guidelines and scenarios to help cover this expected conduct.

\*link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library> click on "People" policy group



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