

# Catholic Special Religious Education Code of Conduct training - outline

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# Unit Objectives

After completing the Safeguarding Unit, participants will be able to:

- understand key terms associated with safeguarding children
- identify relevant Government agencies associated with safeguarding children in the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (CAS)
- refer to the key pieces of legislation associated with safeguarding children
- describe and identify what is reportable conduct
- be familiar with *Maintaining Good Safeguarding Practices* and *Safeguarding Guidelines for SRE Teachers (Catechists/Catechist Helpers)*
- explain how to manage disclosures and report concerns (*SRE and Parish*)
- apply their understanding in varied scenarios
- meet the requirements of the Archdiocesan *Code of Conduct for Working with Children* as a Catechist/Catechist Helper who will serve as an SRE Teacher in NSW public schools
- be aware of the NSW Department of Education Code of Conduct, which includes the Social Media Policy
- be familiar with the *Archdiocesan Parish Safeguarding Requirements*

## ***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** (*copy to be supplied by Catholic SRE authorised trainer*)

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 (WWCC) details.

\*link: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>

click on ‘General’ tab and then the document titled, ‘Code of Conduct for Working with Children’

The 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 and act in accordance with the conduct described in it. This **SRE Appendix** presents information, guidelines and scenarios to help cover expected conduct.

For further reading see Department’s document titled, ‘Code of Conduct Procedures’ at:

<https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2004-0020?refid=285855>



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