

# **Religious Education Policy**

## **Aims:**

To outline clearly and emphasise the importance placed upon religious education in MCS

## **The Religious Education Programme will:**

1. Reflect the Mission statement of the school at all times
2. Impart knowledge about faith and faith practice within major world religions- Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Buddhism.
3. Promote self esteem and a belief in the dignity of the individual
4. Develop a language that helps students to understand and reflect upon religious experiences
5. Be inclusive to all students in the school community

## **Implementation of the programme:**

### At Junior Certificate level:

1. The content of the programme is as specified by the NCCA
2. All students will sit Religious Education (exceptions may occur but only with consultation with the religious education teacher and the Principals and Deputy Principals.

### At Senior Examination Level:

1. All efforts will be made to offer 3<sup>rd</sup> years and TY's the option of taking religious education at examination level
2. The content of the Senior Examination programme is specified by the NCCA

### At Senior (Non exam ) level:

1. All seniors will participate fully in senior religion
2. The exam and non exam programme will be formulated to try and avoid undue overlap
3. This programme is designed to impart knowledge and to contribute significantly to the spiritual/social and moral development of the students.
4. SPHE and senior non exam religion will work at a cross curricular level

Both exam and non exam religion will be treated the same as any other subject and the importance of subject plans, class plans and the integrity of class contact time will be respected at all times. Due to the nature and content of Religious Education a Catechist will be on the Pastoral Care Team.

## **Evaluation:**

House Examinations/State Examinations

Religion Education Meetings

SDP Committee