



Connecting young people to God through Special Religious Education in our three local high schools

Welcome to 2022

From the Chairperson

Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Cor 3:5-6



It is always exciting and perhaps a little nerve-wracking to start a new year of ministry. New faces, new classes, and all this with the unique challenges of Covid. This morning I found myself reading the words from the bible over my life, almost like a prayer. I found myself saying to myself '**He has made me competent as a minister**' not because of anything I am capable of but because of God's grace and the power of God's life-giving Spirit. I would encourage everyone in ministry (whether you are teaching, serving, preaching, or caring) to start saying these words over your life as we jump into a new uncertain year. At the end of 2021, we sent out a survey, so I have decided to spend some time addressing some common questions and comments that arose. Your feedback was so constructive! Our Board will be discussing and brainstorming the data at our next meeting. If anyone still

wants to contribute, we would love to hear your thoughts by clicking this link:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q9X25G7>

Yes, our Staff are ministers in your church!

The Bible describes the church as a nation of priests or a holy priesthood (Ex 19:6, 1 Peter 2:9). I have always taken this to mean that we are meant to be ministers who share the gospel using whatever gifts God has given us to love others. SRE and Chaplaincy, however, are unique ministries as they are commissioned and dedicated to serving and growing all churches that we are affiliated with. When SRE teachers step into a classroom, they are in effect ministering for all our churches. They are helping the young people of Greenhouse Church, The Lakes Church, Coast Community and Thrive ‘**Grow in Godliness**’ as itinerant ministers. They are ‘**faithful in their mission**’ as they hope to connect young people to the community at St Andrew’s Presbyterian, Long Jetty Christian Fellowship, Bateau Bay Baptist, or Erina EV (And all the other amazing churches I don’t have time to list). In The same way, our Chaplains become a letter of the Gospel (2 Cor 3) sent by our local churches to care and guide.

I pray that this year we start to see all our Chaplains and Teachers as ministers in our local churches. Because of this, we encourage our churches to invite SRE Teachers and Chaplains to share testimonies, visit Bible studies and prayer groups, or even chat for coffee so that we can build each other up and grow each other as the body church. My prayer for 2022 is that doors will swing wide open so our ministries can empower, strengthen, and grow our local churches and faith communities.

What does affiliation mean?

Affiliation means that your churches support our goal to see churches unified, young lives transformed, and communities enriched in Jesus’ name. Churches do not need to have a person on our Board to be affiliated. However, any church that wants to pay the \$300 fee for Affiliation is allowed to have up to 2 people on the board to help us reach our goals. However, you do not need to be in an affiliated church to support us financially or volunteer.

Currently, our Affiliated churches are:

- Coast Community Tumbi Umbi Campus
 - The Lakes Church
 - Thrive Church
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- Greenhouse Church
- Long Jetty Christian Fellowship
- St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
- Bateau Bay Baptist Church.

We are always seeking to connect with more Christian communities as we aim to be **‘united in biblical truth’**. Some supporters also continue to help us from churches outside of the Tuggerah Lakes Board’s area such as Erina EV and C3 Tuggerah. This year we will be streamlining our communication into a single newsletter to all supporters with success stories, encouragement, and updates about decisions to follow Christ throughout the year. Please see the information below if you wish to continue supporting us and you attend a church that is outside our local area.

- Josiah Wilkes

Update From Nicole

Hi SRE family!

You may have picked this up already, but I just wanted to share officially that I have resigned from the SRE role at The Entrance Campus! It's with sadness that I step out of my role sharing the good news of Jesus with our young people at TEC, but I'm also very thankful to have the opportunity to be home with our bub Zanda.

I'll still be supporting SRE alongside you all and working with the Board behind the scenes in various ways, and I look forward to catching up with many of you at prayer events etc.

I'm very thankful to God for your support, encouragement, and prayers over the years of my SRE teaching at the Entrance; what a blessing to share with you in His work through the many trials and joys.



God bless - Nicole, Brendan and Zanda

Meet the SRE Teachers 2022

<p><i>Lisa Smith</i></p>		<p>Tumbi Umbi Campus and Berkeley Vale Campus Years 7 to 10 5 days each week</p>
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<p><i>Grenville Kent</i></p>		<p>The Entrance Campus Yr11 and 12 2 days each week</p>
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Meet the SRE Chaplains 2022

*Sue
Cornish*



Bateau Bay Public School
2 days: Tuesday + Friday

*Anna
Davis*



Brooke Ave Public School
3 days: Tues + Wed + Fri

*Carrie
Mallinson*



Wamberal Public School
1 day: Tuesday

*Julie
Turner*



Berkeley Vale Public School
2 days: Tuesday + Thursday

FOR THE DIARY

Sat 26th March – Combined Commissioning for High School SRE, Primary School SRE and School Chaplains at Bateau Bay Baptist Church at 2:30 PM

Details for Direct Debit Giving:

Tuggerah Lakes Christian Education Board Incorporated
BSB: 637 000
Account Number: 780427094

Affiliated Churches:

Coast Community Tumby Umbi Campus, Lakes Church, Thrive Church,
Greenhouse Church, Long Jetty Christian Fellowship, St. Andrews
Presbyterian Church, Bateau Bay Baptist Church.

Gospel Partners:

EV Church Erina, All Saints Anglican Church The Entrance, Rhema FM

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