



East Hills Boys High School

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Special Religious Education Participation Letter

A feature of the public education system in NSW is the opportunity to provide time in class for education in ethics, faith and morality from a religious or non-religious perspective at the choice of parents/carers. A parent/carer may at any time notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision. Students will continue the same arrangement as the previous year, unless a parent/carer has requested a change in writing.

An additional Special Religious Education program, *Combined Christian Scripture Seminars*, will be available at this school throughout the year. Seminar times have been specifically chosen not to clash with important school events, and students who wish to attend will not miss out on learning any new content in their classes.

Combined Christian Scripture Seminars are open to students from all Christian denominations, and any student who is interested in learning more about the Christian faith. The first seminar will be hosted by Pastor Nathan Green from Lifegate Church, Padstow. Pastor Nathan attended East Hills Boys High School when he was a teenager, before becoming a high school music teacher, then a local pastor. **This will be a special Easter themed seminar, to be held on Thursday 28th March in period 3.** Please return permission note to Front Office for your son's inclusion.

Please do not return this form if you do not want your child to attend Combined Christian Scripture Seminars.

Student name: _____ Year: _____

Permission is given for my child to attend:

- Combined Christian Scripture Seminars ☐

Name of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent/carer: _____

If you selected Special Religious Education, you confirm that, in doing so, you consent to the Department providing your child's name to the nominated approved provider. The Department is required to obtain your consent under section 26 of the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW) so that it does not have to comply with section 19, which would otherwise apply to prevent the Department from providing your child's name.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Abboud (Principal – East Hills Boys High School)