HGHS SRE Program: Think Faith Curriculum

At Hornsby Girls High School, SRE lessons are only available 3 times per term, so the entire curriculum is not able to be covered. Topics have been selected with great care to reflect the selective nature of the school.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Year 7	Foundations for Christian Living: The Bible. Introduction to the Bible: The World's Most Influential Book (Stage 4A, Unit 1). What is the Bible and what does it teach? What different genres and writings are in the Bible? Easter is also examined, with a focus on the person and work of Jesus Christ, using the Gospel of Mark.	Living as a Christian in the world: Daniel (Stage 5B, Unit 4) Students have a chance to explore the foundation for Christian living – loving God and loving your neighbour. Difficult situations are explored, such as Daniel and the Lions' Den.	Foundation for Christian living – the Bible. The Bible tells One Big Story (Stage 4B, Unit 1). The Bible tells one big story of the glory and authority of Jesus. Jesus is Creator, Redeemer and will bring the new heavens and new earth.	Foundation of the Christian Worldview – the Gospel (Stage 4B, Unit 2). Jesus is God's promised King. Matthew shows us that the promises of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Jesus. The Christmas Story is also taught at this time.
Year 8	Living Out the Christian Life: Luke (Stage 5A, Unit 3). These lessons have a particular focus on Luke 15. The Parable of the Lost Son demonstrates God's forgiveness and generosity towards lost sinners who repent. Jesus teaches his disciples how to follow him.	Living as a Christian in the World: A Full Life (Stage 5A, Unit 4). A Christian world view helps to answer the question 'Who Am I?' Jesus gives meaning to the world and our identity.	Living as a Christian in the World: A Full Life Continued (Stage 5A, Unit 4). Jesus gives meaning to the world and helps us answer the 'Big Questions' of life.	Living as a Christian in the World: A Full Life Continued (Stage 5A, Unit 4). Jesus gives meaning to our lives and we can trust him when times are tough. A unit that examines the goodness of God and applies this to the real-life case study of Bethany Hamilton, who trusted in God in difficult circumstances.
Year 9	Foundations for Christian Living: The Bible. Real People Doing Real Things in Real Time (Stage 5A, Unit 1). The Bible as the foundation of the Christian faith is compared with other sacred texts of other world religions relevant to the Hornsby Girls High context. The Bible has a message of salvation by grace; other faiths rely on salvation by works.	Foundations for Christian Living: The Bible. Real People Doing Real Things in Real Time Continued. (Stage 5A, Unit 1). Jesus is greater than Moses. Moses was the shadow; Jesus is the fulfilment. How does Jesus fulfil the Old Testament?	Foundation for Christian living – the Bible. Many Genres, One Story (Stage 5B, Unit 1). God's life-saving actions for the world. Jesus was a historical person, who died on a Roman cross, and rose again to save us from our sins.	Ecclesiastes: A Full Life. (Think Faith Seminar Term 4 A). A chance for students to reflect on what matters to them. There will be a logical exploration and discussion of possible options of what life is about along with reflection about the things their peer group value and find meaning in. Ecclesiastes will be used as a starting point and the new life Jesus brings as an end point.

Year 10	No lessons	Living Out The	Living Out the Christian	No lessons
		Christian Life:	Life: Luke (Stage 5A,	
		Ephesians (Stage 5B,	Unit 3).	
		Unit 3).		
			Students consider the	
		United with Jesus and	difference a Christian	
		each other. Students	worldview makes when	
		consider how to make	responding to poverty	
		wise choices that	and suffering in the	
		reflect Jesus' love for	world. Students will	
		us.	consider the Parable of	
			the Good Samaritan	
			from Luke 10:25-37 and	
			ways they can love	
			their neighbour.	