



Tuesday 13 June

Dear Parents/Caregivers

THE BISHOPS' RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT 2017

At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 students in Catholic schools across Western Australia will take part in *The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment* (BRLA) from the week commencing **Monday 31 July** in Term Three. The assessment will be accessible to students only online.

Students enrolled in Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 who are following a regular classroom program are expected to participate. Students with disability are also entitled to participate in the assessment. Exemptions may apply.

The Nature and Role of the BRLA

The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment is a large-scale, standardised assessment that consists of a series of Religious Education (RE) tests. The purpose of the BRLA is to measure student learning of the content in the RE curriculum. The test items in the BRLA are developed and marked by the Office of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA). Formal school and student reports are produced by the Office of CEWA and will become available to schools in Term Four.

The BRLA provides a 'point in time' snapshot of student performance in RE. Students' knowledge and understanding of the content of the RE curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. Students' faith is not assessed. The use of the BRLA complements the school based assessment programs in RE.

Please contact your child's teacher or myself, if you have any inquiries regarding the administration of *The Bishops' Religious Literacy Assessment*.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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