Dear Parent/Caregiver,

**Subject: Religious Education for Year 7 Classes in 2013**

In accordance with the Education Act 1990, your child’s class will be timetabled for a Religious Education lesson each timetabled cycle (once every 2 weeks). The lesson will be taught by Mr Baden Bogdanovs who is a volunteer with the Newcastle SRE Board Incorporated. The Board represents 15 local churches. As well as developing an understanding of Christianity, the program includes discussing issues such as self-esteem, decision-making, relationships and social issues. At this stage it is envisaged the lessons will commence in Term 1 Week 4. A separate note detailing arrangements for each class will be circulated to students in due course.

Parents and caregivers have the opportunity to state whether they wish their child to attend Religious Education classes or not. The school asks that you complete the permission slip below and have your son or daughter return the note to the front office tomorrow. If your child is absent tomorrow, the note should be returned as soon as possible.

Students who do not attend the lessons will be supervised separately by their class teacher. Normal lessons will not continue during the time and an alternate reading program will take place for students who do not attend the Religious Education lessons. Students who attend the Religious Education classes will not miss out on course work.

**Please Note:** As you would appreciate, the supervision of students who do not return a note will be an issue for the school. Consequently, in the unlikely event that a student does not return a permission slip, it will be assumed that you approve your child attending the Religious Education lessons.

C Rippon
Principal
Merewether High School

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**Religious Education for Year 7 Classes**

**Permission Note for Attendance**

The Principal
Merewether High School
Broadmeadow

I wish for my child, ................................................................., (print full name) of class 7..........

(Tick one box) ☐ To Attend ☐ Not to Attend
the Religious Education classes at Merewether High School.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: ............................................ Date: ..............................

Please ensure that your child returns this slip to the front Administration Office tomorrow.