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# VCE UNITS INFORMATION

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## VCE Religion and Society

### Unit 1: Religion in Society

In faithfulness to Overnewton's Christian (Anglican) identity and commitment to provide a well rounded education, all students participate in the College's Religious Studies program – except at Year 12 where it is an elective.

All Year 11 students are required to select one of Religion and Society (Unit 1: Religions in Society or Unit 2: Ethics and Morality) or Texts and Traditions Unit 1 (Texts in Traditions) as a core subject, unless they choose, and are assessed as suitable to take, Religion and Society Units 3 and 4.

#### DURATION OF SUBJECT

This single unit will be taught over the full year.

#### CONTENT

##### Unit 1

This unit begins by identifying the nature and purpose of religion. It focuses on the identity of persons and groups, particularly in their relationships with religious traditions. It then examines ways in which individuals and groups affect and change religious traditions, and are affected and changed by them. Throughout the unit at least two religious traditions are studied, one of which is the Christian tradition.

#### OUTCOMES

##### Unit 1

- Students should be able to explore the role of religion in society
- Students should be able to explain the variety of ways in which particular religious communities in Australia express their collective identity and interact with other traditions and the wider society
- Students should be able to explore the interplay between a person's individual identity and the religious community to which they belong

#### ASSESSMENT

Assessment tasks may include a variety of the following: an essay, a report, an oral presentation, interviews, class tests and/or short written exercises.