
VCE UNITS INFORMATION

VCE Religion and Society

Unit 2: Ethics and Morality

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 2

This unit focuses on the nature of ethics and morals, and the development of skills in moral and ethical decision making. It explores different religious traditions and community values in relation to ethics and morals, and engages with contemporary ethical issues in a pluralist society.

OUTCOMES

Unit 2

- Students should be able to analyse the ideas and principles that are associated with ethical decision making in a pluralist society
- Students should be able to examine and explain values that are upheld by two or more religious traditions, and analyse the ways in which these values are applied to selected ethical issues
- Students should be able to evaluate two or more contemporary ethical debates

ASSESSMENT

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