



Sydney Catholic Schools

YEAR 6

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEST

2022

INFORMATION



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YEAR 6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEST 2022

- The test will consist of **50 multiple choice questions**.
- Total time for the test is **1 hour**.
- From Friday, 9 December 2022, reporting of results to schools and students will be available.

Schools will also receive the reports in hard copy. Information about test results is in this booklet.

- Sydney Catholic Schools will distribute the test packages to all schools and schools will return student answer sheets directly to New Data Solutions. **Please note, REGISTERED, EXPRESS MAIL is required to ensure tracking of returned answer sheets.** Please ensure that each envelope is securely sealed, using tape if necessary.

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CHECKLIST and TIMELINE 2022

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 8 June (Term 2 Week 7)	' <i>Number of Students and Confidentiality Agreement</i> ' form available on RE Online . for completion by each school.
Wednesday 8 June (Term 2 Week 7)	' <i>Year 6 Religious Education Test 2022 Information</i> ' on RE Online.
Friday 24 June (Term 2 Week 9)	Last day for ' <i>Number of Students and Confidentiality Agreement</i> ' form to be completed by schools and uploaded to the Google Form located on RE Online .
Monday 5 September (Term 3 Week 8)	Year 6 Religious Education test package for 2022 mailed to Sydney schools.
Monday 12 September (Term 3 Week 9)	Schools who have not received the test package by this date, will need to contact Jodie Micallef on 9568 8248 or email jodie.micallef@syd.catholic.edu.au
Tuesday 18 October (Term 4 Week 2)	Teachers ensure that students have the necessary equipment to participate in the test (i.e. 2B or B pencil and eraser.) These are not included in the test package. Please note: Principal and/or REC to meet with all Year 6 teachers to unpack the ' <i>Year 6 Religious Education Test 2022 Information</i> ' booklet and organise procedures for test day.
Wednesday 19 October (Term 4 Week 2)	YEAR 6 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEST 2022
Thursday 20 - Friday 21 October (Term 4 Week 2)	PLEASE RETURN TEST ANSWER SHEETS with the completed Return Advice Form in the pre-addressed return envelope included in the test package. (Note: Test answer sheets are sent to New Data Solutions not SCS Central Office). Please note, <u>REGISTERED, EXPRESS MAIL</u> is required to ensure tracking of returned answer sheets.
Friday 28 October (Term 4 Week 3)	LAST DATE for answer sheets to arrive at New Data Solutions for marking.
Posted Monday 5 December (Term 4 Week 9)	Student individual reports, certificates and school results sent to schools. Please note, Test booklets to be returned to students with their results and certificate.
Monday 12 December (Term 4 Week 10)	Schools who have not received student results by this date should contact Jodie Micallef on 9568 8248 or 0491 213 205 or email jodie.micallef@syd.catholic.edu.au
Amendments to Certificates/Reports	Schools who require amendments to student certificates and/or reports, should fill out the 2022 Google form found on RE Online/Primary/RE Test – Year 6.

TEST INFORMATION

Date of Test: Wednesday 19 October 2022

CANDIDACY

- **All students** enrolled in Year 6 who are following a regular classroom program are required to participate in the test.
- Students in Year 6 in multi-age classes are required to participate in the test.
- Students with a language background other than English who arrived from overseas less than a year before the test have the opportunity to be exempt from testing.
- Students who have transferred from Department of Education Schools (DET) to Catholic Schools are not necessarily exempt from sitting the test. This will depend on the particular circumstances of each student.

DISABILITY PROVISIONS

- Students with diverse learning needs undertake the test with the **same adjustments** that they normally receive in the classroom. This may include a 'reader' or 'scribe'.
- Students who have difficulty reading may request that a teacher or nominated person read words or questions as required.
- Teachers may give **additional time** to:
 - students who have a 'reader' or a 'scribe'.
 - students with learning or physical difficulties who do not have a 'reader' or 'scribe' but need more time.
 - **students with vision impairment** using the larger format print.
- **Students with vision impairment** can be supplied with the test and answer sheet in a larger format or in braille. The school needs to indicate the number of students who require this provision on the relevant section of the *'Number of Students and Confidentiality'* form.
- If students use the large print format and/or coloured answer sheets, a delegate from the school needs to **transfer their answers to a standard answer sheet** before returning this sheet with the other students' answer sheets to New Data Solutions for marking. The larger format and/or colour answer sheet **IS NOT** to be sent to New Data Solutions for marking.

ABSENT STUDENTS

Students who are absent on the day of the test may sit the test on the day of their return, within the week of the test only. These dates include **Thursday, 20 October or Friday, 21 October 2022**. Please note that each returning student must sit the test on the day of their return, in the first session of the school day.

Test security should be maintained until **Monday, 24 October 2022**. This means that there should be no discussion or explanation of the test questions with students. This is to maintain the security of the test until any absent students have completed the test.

TEST FORMAT

- 3 practice questions
- 50 multiple choice questions (50 marks)

MARKING

- The test will be marked by computer scanning at New Data Solutions.
- Schools will receive notification of results from **Monday, 5 December 2022**.

PREPARING FOR THE TEST

- **Answer Sheet**

Ensure that students practise completing their names and student information on the sample answer sheet, which is available on [RE Online](#). Please download, print and photocopy one for every student.

Students are required to enter the following information on the answer sheet:

First Name	Date of birth
Surname	Religion**
School code*	Years in a Catholic school
Year Level	Language Background
Gender	Class (A, B, C, D, E...) *** optional

* The school's Australian Government code will be enclosed in the test package and is to be written on the whiteboard by the teacher for students to copy onto their answer sheet.



** The students will need to know and record their religion – please refer to the ‘Grouping of Religions’ guide on page 10 of this booklet.

*** *The ‘Class’ category enables schools with more than one Year 6 class to have students listed in classes in the ICAS Assessments results reports. To do this, schools will need to allocate A, B, C, D etc. to their classes and write the class letter on the whiteboard for students to shade in the appropriate box on the answer sheet under ‘Class’. Schools with only one class would not need to complete this section.*

- Spend time discussing and practicing test techniques:
 - e.g. Read questions carefully.
 - Attempt all questions, if possible.
 - Answer the questions you are sure of first.
 - Use process of elimination for others.
 - Check all answers once the test is completed.
- Revise test language with students. Discuss the meaning of words that often appear in test directions.

PROTOCOLS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TESTING DATA

- Principals will need to ensure that the ‘Number of Students and Confidentiality Agreement’ form is completed by the due date (**Friday, 24 June 2022**) and uploaded to the [Google Form](#) located on [RE Online](#). Principals are asked to ensure the full name of the school is written on the form.
- Results are reported in ways that support teachers in appropriate teaching and learning for students.
- The results relating to each particular students are revealed:
 - to the student
 - to the student’s parents/carers
 - to the Principal and REC of the school
 - to the Year 6 teacher/s.
- Principals work with parents to ensure that the purposes and uses of achievement data in Religious Education are meaningful and understood by the school community.
- Test results are not used publicly to denigrate students, schools, teachers or principals.

- Evaluating school effectiveness in Religious Education requires a range of measures, including qualitative judgement. Religious Education testing data is only one aspect of assessment and evaluation of the school's Religious Education program. No simple conclusions can be drawn between individual student achievement data and school effectiveness.

SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

RECEIVING THE TEST PACKAGE

Principals are responsible for the security and confidentiality of the test materials from the receipt of the materials up to and including their safe collection and dispatch.

The test package is sent to schools from Sydney Catholic Schools. The packages are labelled **attention to the Principal** and **delivered by courier**. **A signature is required upon delivery, enabling the tracking of all parcels.**

The Principal is asked to ensure that whoever receives the test materials signs legibly for them and delivers the parcel to the Principal. Upon receipt of the parcel, Principals are asked to:

- immediately open the test package (Principal or delegated person) and ensure number of test papers and answer sheets are correct.
- contact Jodie Micallef on **9568 8248** or **0491 213 205** or email jodie.micallef@syd.catholic.edu.au **immediately if more test papers or answer sheets are required or anything is missing from the test package.**
- ensure that all teachers administering the test are provided with a copy of **'Instructions for Administering the Test'** (included in test package and on *page 7 and 8* of this booklet).
- ensure that all teachers administering the test are familiar with the test procedures including disability provisions, which is included on *page 3* of this booklet.
- ensure that all teachers administering the test have the school's Australian Government Department of Education code.
- RE-SEAL the package and store it securely, ensuring that the test is **not shown to anyone** until the test day on **Wednesday, 19 October 2022**. Principals are asked **not to read the test** until the test day.
- ensure that there is no discussion or explanation of the test questions with students until the Monday after the test day (**Monday, 24 October 2022**). This is to maintain the security of the test until any absent students have completed it.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMINISTERING THE TEST

BEFORE THE TEST DAY

- Ensure the classroom is adequately prepared. Any information around the classroom that relates to Religious Education is required to be **covered or removed**.
- Ensure all students have the necessary equipment to participate in the test: **2B or B pencil, eraser, sharpener and blank paper**.
- Ensure that students understand test conditions:
 - Students must work independently, however, students with diverse learning needs undertake the test with the same adjustments that they receive in the classroom.
 - Teachers may read a word or question to a student if the student cannot read it, but the teacher or 'reader' must only **read** and not prompt the student in any way.

TEST PROCEDURE AND TIME ALLOCATION

1. Keep a class list, recording all students who sit the test, including any students absent on the day, who sit the test on either Thursday, 20 October or Friday, 21 October 2022. The class list is **NOT** to be sent to New Data Solutions with the answer sheets, however it should be kept for school records.
2. Students are given the opportunity for a toilet break before the commencement of the test process.
3. Indicate to students the test booklet and the answer sheet, clearly pointing out where answers are recorded.
4. Students complete details on answer sheet including the school's Australian Government code, their name, etc. on the test booklet **(5 minutes)**. See *Preparing for the Test*, which is included on page 4 of this booklet.
5. Students read and answer practice questions. Teacher checks that students are clear on how to read and answer these practice questions **(5 minutes)**.
6. Clarify any further queries from students **(2 minutes)**.
7. **Test participation time** – answering of questions **(1 hour)**. Note: most students will take the full time to complete the test.
8. During the test, check that all students are completing answers on the answer sheet and **NOT** in the booklet.

9. Once the test is concluded, collect answer sheets and booklets separately. **Test booklets remain in the school to be sent home with the results.** They should be stored until results are received.
10. Check that students have completed the information **on the front of the answer sheet** clearly and correctly. This is most important for the printing of test results and certificates. **Please ensure students spell their names correctly.**
11. If students with vision impairment have used large print format answer sheets and/or coloured answer sheets, **their answers will need to be transferred to a standard answer sheet at the school** before returning the school's answer sheets to New Data Solutions for marking. Larger format answer sheets and/or coloured answer sheets **ARE NOT** to be sent to New Data Solutions for marking.

PACKAGING TEST FOR RETURN AND MARKING

AFTER THE TEST

- Complete the '**Return Advice Sheet**' supplied in the test package and place it on top of the school's completed answer sheets.
- Please ensure that the number of answer sheets is correct.
- If more than one envelope is used, please photocopy the completed 'Return Advice Sheet' and enclose a copy of the form with each envelope.
- Please handle answer sheets carefully as they will need to be scanned.
- Send answer sheets to New Data Solution using the pre-addressed envelope included in the test package (***this is not a reply paid service***). This should be done as soon as possible after the test and at the latest by **Monday, 24 October 2022**. Answer sheets must arrive at New Data Solutions by **Friday 28, October 2022** to enable marking to commence. **Please note, REGISTERED, EXPRESS MAIL is required to ensure tracking of returned answer sheets.**
- Test booklets should be stored for sending to parents with results when received.

TEST RESULTS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY - Delivery of Results to Schools

From Monday 5 December student reports, certificates and school results will be couriered to schools.

GROUPING OF RELIGIONS GUIDE

(To assist with completion of Answer Sheet)

RELIGION	DESCRIPTION
CATHOLIC	Catholic-Roman
	Catholic-Maronite
	Catholic-Melkite
	Catholic-Ukrainian
	Catholic-Malabar (India)
	Catholic-Armenian
	Catholic-Chaldean
	Catholic-Syrian
	Catholic-Coptic
	Catholic-Russian
	Catholic-Other
	ORTHODOX
Orthodox-Russian	
Orthodox-Antiochian	
Orthodox-Serbian	
Orthodox-Macedonian	
Orthodox-Armenian Apostolic	
Orthodox-Syrian	
Orthodox-Syrian Indian	
Orthodox-Coptic	
Orthodox-Ethiopian	
Orthodox-Other	
OTHER CHRISTIAN <i>In Alphabetical Order</i>	
	Apostolic Assyrian
	Armenian Apostolic
	Baptist
	Brethren
	Churches of Christ
	Jehovah's Witnesses
	Latter Day Saints
	Lutheran Church
	Presbyterian
	Salvation Army
	Seventh Day Adventist
	Uniting Church
Christian Other	
OTHER RELIGIONS (Non-Christian)	Buddhism
	Hinduism
	Islam
	Judaism
	Non-Christian Other
	No Religion
Not Provided	