

# Shaking Our Story...

Shaking  
Our Story...

Syllabus Stage  
Outcomes and  
Key Concepts

First Edition 2002

*Nihil Obstat* : Rev Wim Hoekstra, B.Theol., L.S.S.

*Imprimatur*: Most Reverend Kevin Manning, Bishop of Parramatta.

Date: 26 March 2003

The *Nihil Obstat* and *Imprimatur* are official declarations that the work contains nothing contrary to Catholic Faith or Morals. It is not implied thereby that those granting the *Nihil Obstat* and *Imprimatur* agree with the contents, statements or opinions expressed.

Graphic Design : Belinda Garfath, Catholic Education Office Parramatta

Printed by: Prior Press Pty Ltd, 2 Mitchell Rd, Brookvale NSW 2100

© The Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Parramatta, 2003.

All rights reserved. No part of this document shall be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or by any information or retrieval system, without written permission from the publisher.

ISBN: 1 74072 005 9

---

## Introduction

The Sharing Our Story syllabus is based on stage outcomes and key concepts in seven (Primary) or eight (Secondary) major content areas.

1. **God**
2. **Jesus**
3. **Church**
4. **Sacraments**
5. **Scripture**
6. **Christian Life**
7. **Prayer**
8. **Religion and Society (Secondary)**

Learning in one stage consolidates, builds on and develops learning in previous stages of schooling

### **Primary**

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| Stage One   | Kindergarten, Years 1-2 |
| Stage Two   | Years 3-4               |
| Stage Three | Years 5-6               |

### **Secondary**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Stage Four | Years 7-8                                  |
| Stage Five | Years 9-10                                 |
| Stage Six  | Preliminary (Year 11) and HSC (Year 11,12) |

Religious Education Co-ordinators and teachers are encouraged to adapt the syllabus to local needs in consultation with Education Officers from the Catholic Education Office. Within the framework provided by the syllabus, school based curriculum development will ensure Religious Education programs are faithful to Church teaching and responsive to student needs in developing their knowledge, understanding, skills, values and attitudes.

The changes from draft to first edition were based on the evaluation of units by teachers, reflections of the CEO Religious Education Team and syllabus development and adaptation in Canberra and Goulburn, Adelaide and Port Pirie.

---

# Table of Contents

## *Outcomes and Key Concepts by Stage*

|         |     |    |
|---------|-----|----|
| Stage 1 | ... | 2  |
| Stage 2 | ... | 4  |
| Stage 3 | ... | 6  |
| Stage 4 | ... | 8  |
| Stage 5 | ... | 10 |
| Stage 6 | ... | 12 |

## *Outcomes and Key Concepts by Content Area*

|                      |     |    |
|----------------------|-----|----|
| God                  | ... | 15 |
| Jesus                | ... | 17 |
| Church               | ... | 19 |
| Sacraments           | ... | 21 |
| Scripture            | ... | 23 |
| Christian Life       | ... | 25 |
| Prayer               | ... | 27 |
| Religion and Society | ... | 29 |

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Stage*

---

### **Stage One (Years K, 1, 2)**

---

*Strand*                      *By the end of Stage 1, students should be able to*

---

#### **GOD**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of God as our loving creator, ever-present and experienced in people and the world around us.

*Key Concepts*              1. God is our loving Father and Creator.  
2. God loves each of us.  
3. God is always present in our lives.  
4. God's love is experienced in other people's love for us.  
5. God invites us to respond in love.

---

#### **JESUS**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Jesus as the incarnate Son of God who loves us and invites us to grow in relationship with him.

*Key Concepts*              1. Jesus is the Son of God and son of Mary.  
2. Jesus showed us God's love.  
3. Jesus is our brother and friend.  
4. Jesus showed us how God wants us to live.  
5. Jesus sends God's love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

---

#### **CHURCH**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church as a special community described as God's family.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Church is called to be God's family.  
2. The Church is a community that celebrates God's love.  
3. The Church is a community that proclaims the Good News of Jesus.  
4. The Church is a community where Mary, as mother of Jesus, has a special place.

---

#### **SACRAMENTS**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church's sacraments as sacred actions by which we are welcomed to community, reconciled and invited to share the special presence of Jesus.

*Key Concepts*              1. Sacraments are special celebrations in the life of the Church.  
2. Baptism celebrates my welcome into God's family.  
3. Penance celebrates our reconciliation with God and others.  
4. In celebrating the Eucharist we share the special presence and meal of Jesus.

---

## **SCRIPTURE**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of important scriptural stories and their significance.

*Key Concepts*

1. The Bible is a very special book through which God speaks to us today.
2. The Scriptures are stories about God's love for his People.
3. The Gospels contain stories of Jesus and people who believed in him.
4. The story of Jesus is found in the Gospels.

---

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life as loving God and neighbour.

*Key Concepts*

1. Every person is precious, unique and loved by God.
2. God invites me to love and care for myself and for others.
3. God invites me to make choices and decisions, based on the example of Jesus' life and teachings.

---

## **PRAYER**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as very important in our relationship with God.

*Key Concepts*

1. Prayer is very important in our relationship with God
2. We pray to God our Father through and with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
3. Prayer is a special way through which God speaks to us.
4. Prayer is speaking and listening to God.
5. Prayer comprises many different forms.
6. Jesus' prayer to God shows us how to pray.

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Stage*

---

### **Stage Two (Years 3,4)**

---

*Strand*                      *By the end of Stage 2, students should be able to*

---

#### **GOD**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creating us in His image and calling us into a covenant relationship as members of a loving community.

*Key Concepts*              1. We believe in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; one God, three divine persons.  
2. God's love is reflected in all creation.  
3. We are created in God's image, body and soul.  
4. God calls His People into a covenant relationship.  
5. God calls us to reach out in love to each other.

---

#### **JESUS**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Jesus present in the sacramental life of the Church and who sends us the Holy Spirit to enliven and guide us.

*Key Concepts*              1. Jesus is truly God and truly man.  
2. Jesus lived, died, rose from the dead and will come again.  
3. Jesus invites us to follow him.  
4. Jesus is present in the celebration of the sacraments.  
5. Jesus teaches us about healing and forgiving.  
6. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help and guide us.

---

#### **CHURCH**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding of the Church as a welcoming, caring and celebrating community which began its mission at Pentecost under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Church is a community of believers called to live as Jesus lived.  
2. The Church is a community inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit first sent upon the Church at Pentecost.  
3. The Church is a community called to live the Good News in working for justice and peace.  
4. The Church is a community inspired by Mary, the mother of Jesus and faithful disciple.  
5. The Church is a community whose mission is hospitality and service.

---

## **SACRAMENTS**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist where we celebrate our initiation into the Church, and of the sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick as sacraments of God's forgiveness and healing.

*Key Concepts*

1. In the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist we celebrate our initiation into the Church.
2. In the Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing.
3. In the Sacrament of Eucharist the community remembers what Jesus did and is united with him and each other as the Body of Christ.

---

## **SCRIPTURE**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of many the ways in which biblical texts apply to their own experiences and are used in prayer and worship.

*Key Concepts*

1. The Bible contains the books of the Old Testament and the New Testament.
2. The Scriptures proclaim the Good News of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.
3. The Scriptures help us to reflect on our lives and to respond in prayer and action.

---

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life as living in accord with God's commandments, making choices inspired by the teachings and example of Jesus.

*Key Concepts*

1. We are challenged to live in accord with Jesus' Great Commandment to love God and each other and the Ten Commandments.
2. We are challenged to reflect on the ways we respond to God's love for us.
3. We are challenged to make loving choices and to take responsibility for our actions inspired by the teachings and example of Jesus.
4. We are challenged to use our gifts in service of the community and helping to spread the Good News.

---

## **PRAYER**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as having many different forms, and as being intrinsic to the Mass and the celebration of the liturgical year.

*Key Concepts*

1. Prayer is a very important way through which we grow in closeness to God.
2. Prayer involves rituals, symbols and celebrations.
3. When we pray God is present and active, especially when the Church celebrates the Eucharist.
4. Our prayer is inspired by the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year.
5. There are various traditional and contemporary cultural forms of devotion to Mary and the saints.

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Stage*

---

### **Stage Three (Years 5,6)**

---

*'Strand*            *By the end of Stage 3, students should be able to*

---

#### **GOD**

*Outcome*            demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Blessed Trinity gifting us and calling us to share in the work of protecting and renewing all of creation.

*Key Concepts*    1. The mystery of the Blessed Trinity is revealed in Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
2. God calls us to share in the work of protecting and renewing all of creation.  
3. God sends us Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who helps us to know and love God.

---

#### **JESUS**

*Outcome*            demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Jesus, present in our lives in many ways, offering hope to the world.

*Key Concepts*    1. Jesus is the revelation of God and of what it means to be human.  
2. Jesus gives hope to all through his life, death and resurrection.  
3. Jesus ministered to the poor, the sick and the outcast, preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom.  
4. Jesus is present and active in us and in the Church.

---

#### **CHURCH**

*Outcome*            demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church as being led by the Holy Spirit, as honouring Mary and as having a life and mission in which individuals are called to various ministries of service.

*Key Concepts*    1. The Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit and based on the faith of the apostles expressed in the creeds of the Church.  
2. The Church is a faith community, which honours Mary as mother of God and as one who leads us to Jesus.  
3. The Church is a faith community with certain characteristics in which people are called to various forms of service.  
4. Our local Church community is led by the Bishop and is committed to the mission of the universal church.  
5. The Church strives for Christian unity.

---

## **SACRAMENTS**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the sacraments as special signs and celebrations of God's love and as revealing the Holy Spirit at work in the Church.

*Key Concepts*

1. Sacraments are ritual celebrations, using words gestures, symbols and song, in which we meet Jesus through the action of the Holy Spirit.
2. Sacraments nourish our faith and celebrate key events in our lives – Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, Matrimony.
3. The Eucharist nourishes our soul and draws us into union with God and each other through Christ.
4. Sacraments celebrate, challenge and nourish Christians in their various vocations and ministries of service.

---

## **SCRIPTURE**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the nature of the Scriptures and how Scripture can be applied to their lives and to contemporary issues.

*Key Concepts*

1. The Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit.
2. The Scriptures tell the story of God's saving love for us and challenge us to live Christian lives.
3. The Scriptures comprise different types of sacred stories and writings which reveal important religious truths.

---

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life as a response to God's love of us and of all creation in leadership and service of others and care for the earth.

*Key Concepts*

1. We make decisions in the light of the example and teachings of Jesus.
2. We care for God's creation as responsible and wise stewards.
3. We respond to God's commandments by treating each other with respect, love and compassion.
4. We respond to the witness of good people who inspire and challenge us to continue to strive for justice and peace.
5. We respond to God's love through leadership and service of others.

---

## **PRAYER**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as a means of recognising the centrality of God in our lives and as being expressed in special ways during liturgical feasts and seasons.

*Key Concepts*

1. Prayer is a means of recognising the centrality of God in our lives.
2. Prayer helps us to live a life like that of Jesus.
3. We pray as we celebrate the Church's liturgical feasts and seasons.

---

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Stage*

---

### **Stage Four (Years 7,8)**

---

*Strand*                      *By the end of Stage 4, students should be able to*

---

#### **GOD**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of God, revealed in Jesus, as entering into a covenant with humankind and in calling each of us to a personal response through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Key Concepts*              1. God entered into covenant with the people of Israel.  
2. The mystery of God is revealed in Jesus.  
3. The mystery of God is imaged in the Scriptures, art, literature and song of the Church.  
4. God creates and calls us to life in its fullness through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

---

#### **JESUS**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Jesus as both divine and human, reconciling God and humankind in his life, death and resurrection.

*Key Concepts*              1. The mystery of the person of Jesus Christ and the mysteries of his life.  
2. Jesus lived in a particular historical, social, cultural, and political context.  
3. Jesus proclaimed the Good News of God's reign and prophetically renewed the Covenant.  
4. Jesus related to others, especially the poor and outcasts, with justice and compassion.

---

#### **CHURCH**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church as being missionary in nature, as having various rites and cultural traditions and as having an ongoing story.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Church has proclaimed the Gospel through the ages.  
2. The Church is missionary and prophetic in nature.  
3. The Church is inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit.  
4. The Church has a local character and is comprised of people with various ministries.  
5. The Church contains various rites and cultural traditions.  
6. The Church is committed to dialogue and co-operation with other religious communities.  
7. The Church invites and initiates new members into its life and mission through the sacraments of initiation.

---

#### **SACRAMENTS**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the sacraments as the traditional centre of Catholic life, having their own history, symbols and rituals, which as actions of Christ and the Church, initiate, reconcile and heal.

*Key Concepts*              1. All of creation is a blessing, revealing the creative power and presence of God.  
2. The sacraments are effective signs of initiation, reconciliation and healing.  
3. The sacraments have their own history, symbols and rituals.

---

## **SCRIPTURE**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of some of the various ways in which Scripture is interpreted and applied.

*Key Concepts*

1. The Scriptures record the lives of people in covenant relationship with God.
2. The Scriptures contain a variety of sacred books and literature.
3. The Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit in particular cultural and historical contexts.
4. The Scriptures reveal God's creative and covenant love.

---

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life as based on the life, teachings and values of Jesus.

*Key Concepts*

1. We are called to maturity at each stage of life.
2. Christians are inspired by the life, teachings and values of Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit. The Christian life is marked by compassion and service of the poor.
3. The Christian life is nurtured and lived within a faith community with a distinctive history and cultural tradition.
4. We are gifted with grace to overcome the human inclination to sin which is the consequence of original sin.
5. Discipleship in the Catholic Tradition is inspired by Mary, the first disciple.

---

## **PRAYER**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as having traditional and contemporary forms of expression and as being related to the Church's year.

*Key Concepts*

1. Prayer is especially related to sacred time and space.
2. Prayer has different forms of expression.
3. Prayer is expressed in different ways according to the Church's liturgical year.
4. Prayer is centred on the Eucharist.
5. Prayer is Trinitarian in nature.

---

## **RELIGION AND SOCIETY**

*Outcome* demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the nature and role of religion in society and people's lives, informed by faith, openness, dialogue and cultural sensitivity.

*Key Concepts*

1. The nature and role of religion is integral in society and in people's lives.
2. Religion develops in particular historical, cultural and geographical contexts.
3. Poverty, hunger and homelessness, especially amongst young people, has causes which call for a response.
4. Study of the Jewish religion is essential to mutual understanding and respect between Christians and Jews.
5. The traditions and cultures of the Aboriginal people can enrich our faith and understanding of religion.

---

## Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Stage

---

### Stage Five (Years 9,10)

---

*Strand*                      *By the end of Stage 5, students should be able to*

---

#### **GOD**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of God, who sends the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth to guide and strengthen the Church in its mission to the world, especially the poor.

*Key Concepts*              1. God desires authentic freedom for all through the coming of the reign of God.  
2. God sends the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen the Church in responding to current social and moral issues.  
3. God is revealed in Jesus' ministry of hospitality to the poor, the outcast and the sick.

---

#### **JESUS**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of different images and insights into the mystery of Jesus.

*Key Concepts*              1. Scriptural and creedal statements of belief in Jesus Christ.  
2. Jesus the wise Teacher reveals God's loving mercy.  
3. Jesus is revealed, perceived and portrayed in many different ways (stories, titles, statements of belief, art).  
4. Jesus offered himself for our salvation through his life, death and resurrection.  
5. Jesus is the source, through the Holy Spirit, of the Church's unity.

---

#### **CHURCH**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church as a communion of saints called to holiness through faith expressed and renewed in liturgy and mission to the world.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Church is called to holiness.  
2. The Church is the communion of saints.  
3. The Church celebrates and renews its faith through sacramental rites and devotional practices.  
4. The Church has a mission expressed in various ministries of service.  
5. The Church is a teacher of God's wisdom.  
6. The Church has a history, which is influenced by culture.  
7. Catholics value Mary's role in the life of Jesus and the Church.  
8. The Church is committed to ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue and cooperation.

---

#### **SACRAMENTS**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the sacraments as actions of Christ and the Church which reconcile, renew and build up the Christian community.

*Key Concepts*              1. The sacraments are high points in the Christian life, especially the Eucharist which is the source and summit of Catholic life, both personal and communal.  
2. The sacraments are a source of reconciliation, healing and unity.  
3. The sacraments incorporate a range of sacred signs, symbols, words and ritual actions and gestures.  
4. The sacraments are expressions of the sacramentality of all creation.  
5. The sacraments celebrate our union with God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

---

**SCRIPTURE****Outcome**

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the composition of the Bible, especially the New Testament, and show the capacity to analyse critically some of the ways in which biblical material is interpreted and applied.

**Key Concepts**

1. The Scriptures are central to the teaching, life and worship of the Church.
  2. The Scriptures contain stories of women and men called to prophetically speak and live out God's call.
  3. The New Testament is comprised of various texts with distinctive literary forms and themes.
  4. The insights and resources of modern biblical study enable a better understanding of selected New Testament passages proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- 

**CHRISTIAN LIFE****Outcome**

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life characterised by fidelity to Church teaching and conscience and inspired by people of faith.

**Key Concepts**

1. Christian life is discipleship that shares in the mission of Christ.
  2. Christian values are genuine human values such as simplicity and reverence for life evident in the culture and society of Aboriginal and other peoples.
  3. Christians respond in faith, hope and love to the call to work for justice, peace and development.
  4. Catholics make informed decisions based on conscience and the ethical teachings of the Church.
  5. The example of Mary and the saints inspire Christian life.
  6. Christian life is a sharing in the Paschal Mystery through which Christ overcomes the power of sin and death.
  7. Christians believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
- 

**PRAYER****Outcome**

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as a response in faith to God central to the life and mission of the Church

**Key Concepts**

1. Prayer is a faith response to God influenced by culture, personal development and spirituality.
  2. Prayer and reflection is integral to making wise decisions.
  3. Prayer is central to the life and mission of the Church.
  4. Prayer expresses praise and thanksgiving, seeks intercession and fosters compassion and unity.
- 

**RELIGION AND SOCIETY****Outcome**

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the nature, significance and role of sacred places, persons and ethical codes in the faith and practice of selected Christian denominations and world religions.

**Key Concepts**

1. Sacred places and rituals, such as pilgrimages, are integral to faith and the practice of religion.
  2. The Holy Spirit inspires men and women of different Christian denominations and world religions.
  3. Ecumenism and inter-faith relations are critical in developing relationships between Christians and people of different faiths.
  4. Religious freedom is a fundamental human right and can affect the relationship between church and state.
  5. Mass media is a significant influence on the development of a personal spirituality and moral code.
  6. A religious perspective should influence personal and communal codes of ethics and morality.
-

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Stage*

---

### **Stage 6 (Years 11,12)**

---

*Strand*                      *By the end of Stage 6, students should be able to*

---

#### **GOD**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the revelation of God's love and truth in Jesus Christ, in Scripture and Tradition and in other religious traditions.

- Key Concepts*
1. God reaches out to all people.
  2. God is revealed and active in all religious traditions through the Holy Spirit.
  3. God is revealed in Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate.
  4. God is revealed in Scripture and the Tradition of the Church.
  5. Human destiny finds its fulfilment in God.
- 

#### **JESUS**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Jesus' divinity and humanity, of the mystery of Christ perceived from different theological perspectives and as offering meaning to human life, suffering and death.

- Key Concepts*
1. Catholic teaching and theological reflection presents the mystery of Christ in various ways: Christ, Saviour and Redeemer, Word made flesh, the Compassion of God.
  2. A relationship with Jesus is central in our search for meaning and identity.
  3. Jesus gives new meaning to human life, suffering and death.
  4. Jesus calls us to discipleship to work with him to establish the reign of God.
- 

#### **CHURCH**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church as having its own beliefs and ethical teachings which provide a religious way of exploring fundamental questions of meaning and purpose.

- Key Concepts*
1. The Church is composed of God's people continuing Christ's mission of proclaiming the good news of the reign of God.
  2. The Church has its own distinctive ethical teachings on a range of social and moral issues.
  3. The Catholic Church provides a source of spiritual wisdom for people exploring fundamental questions of meaning and purpose.
  4. The Church is influential in Australian society and culture.
  5. The Church is called to critique and respond to the 'signs of the times'.
- 

#### **SACRAMENTS**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of sacraments at the service of communion.

- Key Concepts*
1. The Church, as sacrament of Jesus, challenges and supports us in becoming the presence of God to others.
  2. Matrimony and Holy Orders are celebrations of people's response in faith, hope and love to God's call to live the vocations of marriage and priesthood.
  3. Sacramental celebrations express and help interpret the significance of key life events and experiences.

---

*Strand*                      *By the end of Stage 6, students should be able to*

---

## **SCRIPTURE**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of biblical scholarship and display a developing capacity to interpret a range of scriptural passages in developing a personal response.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Holy Spirit guides the whole Church as it interprets the Scriptures.  
2. The Church is guided by biblical scholarship in interpreting the Word of God.  
3. The Scriptures are the living Word of God nourishing spiritual life, prayerful reflection, worship and action.

---

## **CHRISTIAN LIFE**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life as developmental, requiring informed moral decision making, a capacity to identify 'signs of the times' and finding expression in a vocation orientated to service of others.

*Key Concepts*              1. Christian life is a response in faith to God's truth and merciful love revealed in Christ through the Holy Spirit.  
2. Moral decision-making is informed by the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church.  
3. Christians are called to critique and respond to the 'signs of the times'.  
4. Christian life finds expression within a particular vocation orientated to service of others.  
5. The Christian life develops through recognisable stages in response to life experience interpreted in the light of faith.  
6. Christians respect the dignity and purpose of the Christian vocation, work and leisure.

---

## **PRAYER**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as an encounter with Christ, celebrating and interpreting the life and faith experience of the person and community.

*Key Concepts*              1. Prayer is an encounter with Christ.  
2. Prayer traditions, including contemplation, meditation and artistic expression, are part of the rich heritage of the Church.  
3. Personal spirituality is nourished and expressed through prayer.  
4. Prayer celebrates and interprets the life and faith experience of the person and community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

---

## **RELIGION AND SOCIETY**

**Outcome** demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Aboriginal beliefs and spirituality and how religious experience, traditions and communities serve to engage and support people in their search for meaning, fulfilment and integrity..

- Key Concepts**
1. The human search for meaning and fulfilment is inspired by the Holy Spirit.
  2. Inculturation enriches the way the Gospel is preached, understood and lived. The Gospel challenges certain cultural values and forms.
  3. Reconciliation requires an understanding of Aboriginal culture and an acknowledgement of the injustices of the past for the sake of peace and equity in Australia.
  4. Fundamentalist and liberal movements and sects can be significant influences in the life of religious communities and peoples.
  5. The Church respects and encourages political freedom and responsibility. Governments should respect the proper role of religion and promote genuine human values.
  6. Society is enriched by different religious, cultural and ethnic communities and sustained by tolerance and a desire for unity.
  7. The natural moral law is present in the heart of each person and reflected in the ethical codes of world religions. It expresses the dignity of the person and determines the basis for fundamental rights and duties.
  8. The Church's ethical wisdom can inform decision-making on a range of contemporary social justice issues.

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Key Content Area*

---

### **GOD**

---

*Stage*                      *By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

#### **STAGE 1**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of God as our loving creator, ever-present and experienced in people and the world around us.

*Key Concepts*              1. God is our loving Father and Creator.  
2. God loves each of us.  
3. God is always present in our lives.  
4. God's love is experienced in other people's love for us.  
5. God invites us to respond in love.

---

#### **STAGE 2**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creating us in His image and calling us into a covenant relationship as members of a loving community.

*Key Concepts*              1. We believe in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; one God, three divine persons.  
2. God's love is reflected in all creation.  
3. We are created in God's image, body and soul.  
4. God calls His People into a covenant relationship.  
5. God calls us to reach out in love to each other.

---

#### **STAGE 3**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Blessed Trinity gifting us and calling us to share in the work of protecting and renewing all of creation.

*Key Concepts*              1. The mystery of the Blessed Trinity is revealed in Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
2. God calls us to share in the work of protecting and renewing all of creation.  
3. God sends us Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who helps us to know and love God.

---

#### **STAGE 4**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of God, revealed in Jesus, as entering into a covenant with humankind and in calling each of us to a personal response through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

*Key Concepts*              1. God entered into covenant with the people of Israel.  
2. The mystery of God is revealed in Jesus.  
3. The mystery of God is imaged in the Scriptures, art, literature and song of the Church.  
4. God creates and calls us to life in its fullness through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

---

---

*Stage*

*By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

## **STAGE 5**

### ***Outcome***

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of God, who sends the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth to guide and strengthen the Church in its mission to the world, especially the poor.

### ***Key Concepts***

1. God desires authentic freedom for all through the coming of the reign of God.
  2. God sends the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen the Church in responding to current social and moral issues.
  3. God is revealed in Jesus' ministry of hospitality to the poor, the outcast and the sick.
- 

## **STAGE 6**

### ***Outcome***

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the revelation of God's love and truth in Jesus Christ, in Scripture and Tradition and in other religious traditions.

### ***Key Concepts***

1. God reaches out to all people.
2. God is revealed and active in all religious traditions through the Holy Spirit.
3. God is revealed in Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate.
4. God is revealed in Scripture and the Tradition of the Church.
5. Human destiny finds its fulfilment in God.

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Key Content Area*

---

### **JESUS**

---

*Stage*                      *By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

#### **STAGE 1**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Jesus as the incarnate Son of God who loves us and invites us to grow in relationship with him.

*Key Concepts*              1. Jesus is the Son of God and son of Mary.  
2. Jesus showed us God's love.  
3. Jesus is our brother and friend.  
4. Jesus showed us how God wants us to live.  
5. Jesus sends God's love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

---

#### **STAGE 2**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Jesus present in the sacramental life of the Church and who sends us the Holy Spirit to enliven and guide us.

*Key Concepts*              1. Jesus is truly God and truly man.  
2. Jesus lived, died, rose from the dead and will come again.  
3. Jesus invites us to follow him.  
4. Jesus is present in the celebration of the sacraments.  
5. Jesus teaches us about healing and forgiving.  
6. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help and guide us.

---

#### **STAGE 3**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Jesus, present in our lives in many ways, offering hope to the world.

*Key Concepts*              1. Jesus is the revelation of God and of what it means to be human.  
2. Jesus gives hope to all through his life, death and resurrection.  
3. Jesus ministered to the poor, the sick and the outcast, preaching the Good News of God's Kingdom.  
4. Jesus is present and active in us and in the Church.

---

#### **STAGE 4**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Jesus as both divine and human, reconciling God and humankind in his death and resurrection.

*Key Concepts*              1. revealed to us as fully divine and human.  
2. living in a particular historical, social, cultural, and political context.  
3. proclaiming the good news of God's Reign and prophetically renewing the Covenant.  
4. relating to others, especially the poor, with justice and compassion.

---

---

*Stage*

*By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

## **STAGE 5**

### ***Outcome***

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of different images and insights into the mystery of Jesus.

### ***Key Concepts***

1. Scriptural and creedal statements of belief in Jesus Christ.
  2. Jesus the wise Teacher reveals God's loving mercy.
  3. Jesus is revealed, perceived and portrayed in many different ways (stories, titles, statements of belief, art).
  4. Jesus offered himself for our salvation through his life, death and resurrection.
  5. Jesus is the source, through the Holy Spirit, of the Church's unity.
- 

## **STAGE 6**

### ***Outcome***

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Jesus' divinity and humanity, of the mystery of Christ perceived from different theological perspectives and as offering meaning to human life, suffering and death.

### ***Key Concepts***

1. Catholic teaching and theological reflection presents the mystery of Christ in various ways Christ, Saviour and Redeemer, Word made flesh, the Compassion of God.
2. A relationship with Jesus is central in our search for meaning and identity.
3. Jesus gives new meaning to human life, suffering and death.
4. Jesus calls us to discipleship to work with him to establish the reign of God.

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Key Content Area*

---

### **CHURCH**

---

*Stage*                      *By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

#### **STAGE 1**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church as a special community described as God's family.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Church is called to be God's family.  
2. The Church is a community that celebrates God's love.  
3. The Church is a community that proclaims the Good News of Jesus.  
4. The Church is a community where Mary, as mother of Jesus, has a special place.

---

#### **STAGE 2**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding of the Church as a welcoming, caring and celebrating community which began its mission at Pentecost under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Church is a community of believers called to live as Jesus lived.  
2. The Church is a community inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit first sent upon the Church at Pentecost.  
3. The Church is a community called to live the Good News in working for justice and peace.  
4. The Church is a community inspired by Mary, the mother of Jesus and faithful disciple.  
5. The Church is a community whose mission is hospitality and service.

---

#### **STAGE 3**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church as being led by the Holy Spirit, as honouring Mary and as having a life and mission in which individuals are called to various ministries of service.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Church is empowered by the Holy Spirit and based on the faith of the apostles expressed in the creeds of the Church.  
2. The Church is a faith community, which honours Mary as mother of God and as one who leads us to Jesus.  
3. The Church is a faith community with certain characteristics in which people are called to various forms of service.  
4. Our local Church community is led by the Bishop and is committed to the mission of the universal church.  
5. The Church strives for Christian unity.

---

---

*Stage*

*By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

## **STAGE 4**

### *Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church as being missionary in nature, as having various rites and cultural traditions and as having an ongoing story.

### *Key Concepts*

1. The Church has proclaimed the Gospel through the ages.
  2. The Church is missionary and prophetic in nature.
  3. The Church is inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit.
  4. The Church has a local character and is comprised of people with various ministries.
  5. The Church contains various rites and cultural traditions.
  6. The Church is committed to dialogue and co-operation with other religious communities.
  7. The Church invites and initiates new members into its life and mission through the sacraments of initiation.
- 

## **STAGE 5**

### *Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church as a communion of saints called to holiness through faith expressed and renewed in liturgy and mission to the world.

### *Key Concepts*

1. The Church is called to holiness.
  2. The Church is the communion of saints.
  3. The Church celebrates and renews its faith through sacramental rites and devotional practices.
  4. The Church has a mission expressed in various ministries of service
  5. The Church is a teacher of God's wisdom.
  6. The Church has a history, which is influenced by culture.
  7. Catholics value Mary's role in the life of Jesus and the Church.
  8. The Church is committed to ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue and cooperation.
- 

## **STAGE 6**

### *Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church as having its own beliefs and ethical teachings which provide a religious way of exploring fundamental questions of meaning and purpose.

### *Key Concepts*

1. The Church is composed of God's people continuing Christ's mission of proclaiming the good news of the reign of God.
  2. The Church has its own distinctive ethical teachings on a range of social and moral issues.
  3. The Catholic Church provides a source of spiritual wisdom for people exploring fundamental questions of meaning and purpose.
  4. The Church is influential in Australian society and culture.
  5. The Church is called to critique and respond to the 'signs of the times'.
-

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Key Content Area*

---

### **SACRAMENTS**

---

*Stage*                      *By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

#### **STAGE 1**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the Church's sacraments as sacred actions by which we are welcomed to community, reconciled and invited to share the special presence of Jesus.

*Key Concepts*                1. Baptism, where we are welcomed into God's family.  
2. Penance where we celebrate God's forgiveness.  
3. Eucharist, where we share the special presence and meal of Jesus.

---

#### **STAGE 2**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist where we celebrate our initiation into the Church, and of the sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick as sacraments of God's forgiveness and healing.

*Key Concepts*                1. special Church celebrations.  
2. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist where we celebrate our initiation into the Church.  
3. Penance and Anointing of the Sick where we celebrate God's forgiveness and healing.

---

#### **STAGE 3**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the sacraments as signs and symbols of God's love and as revealing the Holy Spirit at work in the Church.

*Key Concepts*                1. special signs through which we receive the grace of the Holy Spirit.  
2. Baptism, Confirmation, Penance, Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, Matrimony.

---

#### **STAGE 4**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the sacraments as the traditional centre of Catholic life, having their own history, symbols and rituals, which as actions of Christ and the Church, initiate, reconcile and heal.

*Key Concepts*                1. centre of Catholic life.  
2. signs of initiation, reconciliation and healing.  
3. having their own history, symbols and rituals.

---

---

*Stage*

*By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

## **STAGE 5**

*Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the sacraments as actions of Christ and the Church which reconcile, renew and build up the Christian community.

*Key Concepts*

1. high points in the Christian life, especially the Eucharist which is both the source and summit of Catholic life, both personal and communal.
  2. a source of reconciliation, healing and unity.
  3. incorporating a range of sacred signs, symbols and rituals.
  4. expressions of the sacramentality of all creation.
  5. enabling union of God in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 

## **STAGE 6**

*Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of sacraments at the service of communion.

*Key Concepts*

1. Matrimony and Holy Orders as conferring a particular mission of service in the Church.
2. celebrations of people's response in faith, hope and love to God's call to live the vocations of marriage and priesthood.

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Key Content Area*

---

### **SCRIPTURE**

*Stage*                      *By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

#### **STAGE 1**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of important scriptural stories and their significance.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Bible is a very special book through which God speaks to us today.  
2. The Scriptures are stories about God's love for his People.  
3. The Gospels contain stories of Jesus and people who believed in him.  
4. The story of Jesus is found in the Gospels.

---

#### **STAGE 2**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of many the ways in which biblical texts apply to their own experiences and are used in prayer and worship.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Bible contains the books of the Old Testament and the New Testament.  
2. The Scriptures proclaim the Good News of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.  
3. The Scriptures help us to reflect on our lives and to respond in prayer and action.

---

#### **STAGE 3**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the nature of the Scriptures and how Scripture can be applied to their lives and to contemporary issues.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit.  
2. The Scriptures tell the story of God's saving love for us and challenge us to live Christian lives.  
3. The Scriptures comprise different types of sacred stories and writings which reveal important religious truths.

---

#### **STAGE 4**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of some of the various ways in which Scripture is interpreted and applied.

*Key Concepts*              1. The Scriptures record the lives of people in covenant relationship with God.  
2. The Scriptures contain a variety of sacred books and literature.  
3. The Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit in particular cultural and historical contexts.  
4. The Scriptures reveal God's creative and covenant love.

---

## **STAGE 5**

### ***Outcome***

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the composition of the Bible, especially the New Testament, and show the capacity to analyse critically some of the ways in which biblical material is interpreted and applied.

### ***Key Concepts***

1. The Scriptures are central to the teaching, life and worship of the Church.
  2. The Scriptures contain stories of women and men called to prophetically speak and live out God's call.
  3. The New Testament is comprised of various texts with distinctive literary forms and themes.
  4. The insights and resources of modern biblical study enable a better understanding of selected New Testament passages proclaiming the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- 

## **STAGE 6**

### ***Outcome***

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of biblical scholarship and display a developing capacity to interpret a range of scriptural passages in developing a personal response.

### ***Key Concepts***

1. The Holy Spirit guides the whole Church as it interprets the Scriptures.
2. The Church is guided by biblical scholarship in interpreting the Word of God.
3. The Scriptures are the living Word of God nourishing spiritual life, prayerful reflection, worship and action.

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Key Content Area*

---

### **CHRISTIAN LIFE**

---

*Stage*                      *By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

#### **STAGE 1**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life as loving God and neighbour.

*Key Concepts*              1. Every person is precious, unique and loved by God.  
2. God invites me to love and care for myself and for others.  
3. God invites me to make choices and decisions, based on the example of Jesus' life and teachings.

---

#### **STAGE 2**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life as living in accord with God's commandments, making choices inspired by the teachings and example of Jesus.

*Key Concepts*              1. We are challenged to live in accord with Jesus' Great Commandment to love God and each other and the Ten Commandments.  
2. We are challenged to reflect on the ways we respond to God's love for us.  
3. We are challenged to make loving choices and to take responsibility for our actions inspired by the teachings and example of Jesus.  
4. We are challenged to use our gifts in service of the community and helping to spread the Good News.

---

#### **STAGE 3**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life as a response to God's love of us and of all creation in leadership and service of others and care for the earth.

*Key Concepts*              1. We make decisions in the light of the example and teachings of Jesus.  
2. We care for God's creation as responsible and wise stewards.  
3. We respond to God's commandments by treating each other with respect, love and compassion.  
4. We respond to the witness of good people who inspire and challenge us to continue to strive for justice and peace.  
5. We respond to God's love through leadership and service of others.

---

*Stage*

*By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

## **STAGE 4**

*Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life as based on the life, teachings and values of Jesus.

*Key Concepts*

1. We are called to maturity at each stage of life.
  2. Christians are inspired by the life, teachings and values of Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit. The Christian life is marked by compassion and service of the poor.
  3. The Christian life is nurtured and lived within a faith community with a distinctive history and cultural tradition.
  4. We are gifted with grace to overcome the human inclination to sin which is the consequence of original sin.
  5. Discipleship in the Catholic Tradition is inspired by Mary, the first disciple.
- 

## **STAGE 5**

*Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life characterised by fidelity to Church teaching and conscience and inspired by people of faith.

*Key Concepts*

1. Christian life is discipleship that shares in the mission of Christ.
  2. Christian values are genuine human values such as simplicity and reverence for life evident in the culture and society of Aboriginal and other peoples.
  3. Christians respond in faith, hope and love to the call to work for justice, peace and development.
  4. Catholics make informed decisions based on conscience, and the ethical teachings of the Church.
  5. The example of Mary and the saints inspire Christian life.
  6. Christian life is a sharing in the Paschal Mystery through which Christ overcomes the power of sin and death.
  7. Christians believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
- 

## **STAGE 6**

*Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of Christian life as developmental, requiring informed moral decision making, a capacity to identify 'signs of the times' and finding expression in a vocation orientated to service of others.

*Key Concepts*

1. Christian life is a response in faith to God's truth and merciful love revealed in Christ through the Holy Spirit .
  2. Moral decision-making is informed by the Scriptures and the teachings of the Church.
  3. Christians are called to critique and respond to the 'signs of the times'.
  4. Christian life finds expression within a particular vocation orientated to service of others.
  5. The Christian life develops through recognisable stages in response to life experience interpreted in the light of faith.
  6. Christians respect the dignity and purpose of the Christian vocation, work and leisure.
-

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Key Content Area*

---

### **PRAYER**

---

*Stage*                      *By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

#### **STAGE 1**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as very important in our relationship with God.

*Key Concepts*              1. Prayer is very important in our relationship with God.  
2. We pray to God our Father through and with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.  
3. Prayer is a special way through which God speaks to us.  
4. Prayer is speaking and listening to God.  
5. Prayer comprises many different forms.  
6. Jesus' prayer to God shows us how to pray.

---

#### **STAGE 2**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as having many different forms, and as being intrinsic to the Mass and the celebration of the liturgical year.

*Key Concepts*              1. Prayer is a very important way through which we grow in closeness to God.  
2. Prayer involves rituals, symbols and celebrations.  
3. When we pray God is present and active, especially when the Church celebrates the Eucharist.  
4. Our prayer is inspired by the feasts and seasons of the liturgical year.  
5. There are various traditional and contemporary cultural forms of devotion to Mary and the saints.

---

#### **STAGE 3**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as a means of recognising the centrality of God in our lives and as being expressed in special ways during liturgical feasts and seasons.

*Key Concepts*              1. Prayer is a means of recognising the centrality of God in our lives.  
2. Prayer helps us to live a life like that of Jesus.  
3. We pray as we celebrate the Church's liturgical feasts and seasons.

---

---

*Stage*

*By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

## **STAGE 4**

*Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as having traditional and contemporary forms of expression and as being related to the Church's year.

*Key Concepts*

1. Prayer is especially related to sacred time and space.
  2. Prayer has different forms of expression.
  3. Prayer is expressed in different ways according to the Church's liturgical year.
  4. Prayer is centred on the Eucharist.
  5. Prayer is Trinitarian in nature.
- 

## **STAGE 5**

*Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as a response in faith to God central to the life and mission of the Church.

*Key Concepts*

1. Prayer is a faith response to God influenced by culture, personal development and spirituality.
  2. Prayer and reflection is integral to making wise decisions.
  3. Prayer is central to the life and mission of the Church.
  4. Prayer expresses praise and thanksgiving, seeks intercession and fosters compassion and unity.
- 

## **STAGE 6**

*Outcome*

demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of prayer as an encounter with Christ, celebrating and interpreting the life and faith experience of the person and community.

*Key Concepts*

1. Prayer is an encounter with Christ.
  2. Prayer traditions, including contemplation, meditation and artistic expression, are part of the rich heritage of the Church.
  3. Personal spirituality is nourished and expressed through prayer.
  4. Prayer celebrates and interprets the life and faith experience of the person and community under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
-

## *Stage Outcomes and Key Concepts by Key Content Area*

---

### **RELIGION AND SOCIETY (Secondary)**

---

*Stage*                      *By the end of this stage, students should be able to*

---

#### **STAGE 4**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the nature and role of religion in society and people's lives, informed by faith, openness, dialogue and cultural sensitivity.

*Key Concepts*              1. The nature and role of religion is integral in society and in people's lives.  
2. Religion develops in particular historical, cultural and geographical contexts.  
3. Poverty, hunger and homelessness, especially amongst young people, has causes which call for a response.  
4. Study of the Jewish religion is essential to mutual understanding and respect between Christians and Jews.  
5. The traditions and cultures of the Aboriginal people can enrich our faith and understanding of religion.

---

#### **STAGE 5**

*Outcome*                      demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the nature, significance and role of sacred places, persons and ethical codes in the faith and practice of selected Christian denominations and world religions.

*Key Concepts*              1. Sacred places and rituals, such as pilgrimages, are integral to faith and the practice of religion.  
2. The Holy Spirit inspires men and women of different Christian denominations and world religions.  
3. Ecumenism and inter-faith relations are critical in developing relationships between Christians and people of different faiths.  
4. Religious freedom is a fundamental human right and can affect the relationship between church and state.  
5. Mass media is a significant influence on the development of a personal spirituality and moral code.  
6. A religious perspective should influence personal and communal codes of ethics and morality.

## **STAGE 6**

### ***Key Concepts***

1. The human search for meaning and fulfilment is inspired by the Holy Spirit.
2. Inculturation enriches the way the Gospel is preached, understood and lived. The Gospel challenges certain cultural values and forms.
3. Reconciliation requires an understanding of Aboriginal culture and an acknowledgement of the injustices of the past for the sake of peace and equity in Australia.
4. Fundamentalist and liberal movements and sects can be significant influences in the life of religious communities and peoples.
5. The Church respects and encourages political freedom and responsibility. Governments should respect the proper role of religion and promote genuine human values.
6. Society is enriched by different religious, cultural and ethnic communities and sustained by tolerance and a desire for unity.
7. The natural moral law is present in the heart of each person and reflected in the ethical codes of world religions. It expresses the dignity of the person and determines the basis for fundamental rights and duties.
8. The Church's ethical wisdom can inform decision-making on a range of contemporary social justice issues.

