

Challenging Year 10: Which Worldview is Best?



By the time students reach **Year 10**, they are used to the discussions that we have in SRE classes; **thinking through religious belief; what the Bible teaches us about Jesus; and the Christian understanding of the world.** So, it is a good opportunity for the boys, to **take the time to consider how this view compares with how Australian society in general understands the world.** Whereas the Bible teaches us that the problem we face is our separation from God due to

our sin; **the world says that the greatest problem is that we have not maximised our individual happiness.** Christianity teaches that the solution to our problem is to be forgiven and made right with God through trusting in Jesus, which involves our welcome into the community of believers and the certainty of eternal life with God. **The world simply offers hope in more individual freedom, leading to a supposed greater happiness, as you decide how to live your own life in the here and now.**

What a great opportunity SRE is to be able to speak into the lives of these teenage boys, giving them an alternative path through life, one that is not marked by the crushing pressure to perform and to find your own happiness through success. **Rather they can find true joy, by turning to the certain hope of an eternal relationship with God, experiencing His love with brothers and sisters who support and spur one another on to keep living for Him.** Please pray that students would see the greater hope offered in a life lived for Jesus, rather than for themselves.

Tony Jones, SRE Teacher NBHS



PRAYER POINTS

Normanhurst Boys'

- Give thanks for gospel opportunities through SRE and pray Tony quickly learns new student names, establishing rapport with Year 7 classes.
- Pray Year 8's will understand that God is sovereign, faithful, and good, and the whole Bible is one story pointing to Jesus.

- Pray Year 9 and 10's will be open to consider why God's voice is trustworthy and life-giving, and that they would be challenged by the evidence for the truth of the gospel.
- Pray that the lunchtime Christian group 'Connect' would run smoothly, be welcoming, and be distinctly Christian.

Hornsby Girls'

- Pray that the students who take a Bible will read it for themselves and experience God's transforming power.
- Thank God for the opportunity to meet Year 7 parents at the 'Meet the Teacher' evening in February. Pray that parents will understand how SRE works, and its value for their daughters.
- Pray for Christian students who are unsure about their faith or wrestling with big questions, that God encourage and guide them.
- Pray the Christian lunchtime group 'Highlite' is a welcoming and loving community, with godly leaders facilitating discussion in Acts.

FINANCIAL NEWS – Autumn 2026.

We give heartfelt thanks to the LORD as He has abundantly blessed this ministry through His people in 2025! With a budget of \$153,000 we finished the year with a small deficit which was met by a surplus from previous years.

Our budget for 2026 is \$158,000.

Please pray that God will supply the finances needed

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**Glenys Porter,
NCEA Treasurer, March 2026**