Dear Parents/Carers,

Students at Tempe Public School participate in Scripture or Ethics classes from Year 1 onwards. Scripture and Ethics classes will commence on Tuesday 21st February 2017 and take place from 2:15 – 3:00 each Tuesday for the remainder of the year.

**Scripture classes** are taught by volunteers from local religious organisations, with supervision by school staff. Scripture groupings available in 2017 include Catholic Scripture, Protestant Scripture and Orthodox Scripture.

**Ethics classes** are taught by trained volunteers, with supervision by school staff. The philosophical ethics classes that make up the Primary Ethics curriculum are inquiry based. Children use dialogue and discussion, learning how to think about ethical matters through the give-and-take of reasoned argument.

Parents may also elect for their child to attend a non-scripture/ non-ethics group. Non-scripture/ non-ethics groups are supervised by school staff. Students do not learn any new concepts or practise new skills in non-scripture/ non-ethics groups.

To assist organisation for 2017 groups please return the attached form to your child’s class teacher indicating your preferences for which group you would like your child to attend in 2017.

Please note that the availability of Ethics groups is determined by the number of available trained Ethics teachers in 2017. As Ethics group places are restricted by this fact, students who have attended Ethics or non-scripture in 2016 will be given first preference for Ethics group places in 2017. Parents of Stage 1 students who have previously expressed an interest in Ethics will also be given preference.

C.Priday
SRE/Ethics Coordinator
SRE / ETHICS PLACEMENT PREFERENCE

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CLASS TEACHER BY FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

STUDENT NAME ____________________________

CIRCLE THE GRADE IN WHICH THE ABOVE STUDENT WILL BE IN 2017

GRADE  1  2  3  4  5  6

The ABOVE STUDENT WAS IN THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURE OR ETHICS OR NON-SCRIPTURE GROUP IN 2016

☐ Protestant Scripture
☐ Catholic Scripture
☐ Orthodox Scripture
☐ Ethics
☐ Non-Scripture

PLEASE SHOW PREFERENCES 1-2 FOR PLACEMENT OF THIS STUDENT IN 2017

☐ Protestant Scripture
☐ Catholic Scripture
☐ Orthodox Scripture
☐ Ethics
☐ Non-Scripture

Signed Parent/Carer ____________________________