June 7th, 2016

Dear Parents,

THE BISHOPS’ RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT 2016

At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year 3 and Year 5 students in Catholic schools across Western Australia will take part in The Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) from the week commencing Monday 25 July. The assessment will be accessible to students only online.

Students enrolled in Year 3 and Year 5 who are following a regular classroom program are expected to participate. Students with disability are also entitled to participate in the assessment.

The Nature and Role of the BRLA

*The Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment* is a large-scale, standardised assessment program that consists of a series of Religious Education (RE) assessments. The purpose of the BRLA is to measure student learning of the content in the RE curriculum. The test items in the BRLA are developed and mostly marked by the Office of Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA). Formal school and student reports are produced by the CEWA for students in Year 5.

The BRLA provides a ‘point in time’ snapshot of student performance in RE. Students’ knowledge and understanding of the content of the RE curriculum is assessed using a combination of multiple choice, short and extended response items. Students’ faith is not assessed. The use of the BRLA complements the school based assessment programs in RE.

Please contact your child’s teacher or myself, if you have any inquiries regarding the administration of The Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment 2016.

Yours sincerely

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