

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Expected Standard - C Grade Descriptor

Year 9

Students communicate and demonstrate their understandings in a variety of ways.

By the end of Year 9, students describe how Catholics understand that people **Discover God** when they interact with creation. They describe how God is revealed through people and events in life. They analyse different creation stories and identify that different groups have different understandings. They recognise common questions and yearnings that people have and make connections with how these questions and yearnings point to people's desire to change the world so that it reflects God's goodness. They explain how people can reflect God when they relate with others.

By the end of Year 9, students explain the Catholic understanding of how the Christian message relates to **Human Experiences**. They describe some of the different ways the Christian message is expressed in the lives of Catholics. They recognise the relationship between the desire for true and lasting happiness and the reality of the experiences of sinfulness in the world. They identify different experiences that lead people to search for what is true and good. They describe how the Catholic Church through the Magisterium, guides Catholics in living out the Gospel. They explain how the lives of Mary and the saints demonstrate that people can live the Christian message.

By the end of Year 9, students apply a Catholic understanding to determine how through **Knowing Jesus** people are shown how to live as God wants. They use examples from the life and mission of Jesus to illustrate what it means for people who choose to follow his example in their lives. They locate examples of how Jesus chose always to love others, whatever differences they might have had. They explain that followers of Jesus are empowered to love others as Jesus loved them. They recall that Jesus started his Church to give people new experiences of God. They recognise that through his Church, Jesus shares the sacraments and his two great commandments of love.

By the end of Year 9, students understand how Catholics discern how **Living Like Jesus** leads people to God. They recognise that Christians are called to share in the mission of Jesus by following God's laws. They recall that as the promised Messiah, Jesus, came to call people into a loving relationship with God. They explain the Catholic understanding of how the gift of the Holy Spirit helps to fulfil the promise of salvation offered by the risen Jesus. They demonstrate that Jesus revealed how to draw on the strengths of the Holy Spirit and God's grace in order to live the full Christian life. They explain how the Church is guided by the teachings of Jesus. They outline that Tradition is the handing on of the teachings of the Apostles under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

By the end of Year 9, students describe the **Catholic Practices** that are part of Church life. They read Scripture texts containing relatively complex language and concepts. They recall that Scriptural texts were constructed for particular contexts and purposes. They select, use and reflect on different scriptural texts to make links between these texts and the lessons they teach. They describe how Catholics draw on prayer and the sacraments to relate with and respond to God. They identify the signs, symbols and rituals of the sacraments and can explain how each of the sacraments offers an experience of Jesus.