



LOWER SCHOOL GRADE DESCRIPTORS

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

YEAR 7	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To clearly describe sources, beliefs and teachings, practices (what they do) and experiences using some specialist vocabulary Describe similarities and differences between and with religions Clearly describe how religion affects a person's life Explain why people express (show) their religion in certain ways Identify how these questions and answers affect my own life and the lives of others Describe what inspires/influences myself and others
	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use a variety of religious words to explain how religious beliefs affect a person and a community Describe why people belong to religions Evaluate reasons for differences and similarities within and between religions Explain how religious sources are used to provide answers to ultimate questions and ethical issues Recognise differences in forms of expression within and between religions
YEAR 8	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use good religious vocabulary to fully describe different religions and their beliefs Explain the reasons for differences within and between religions explain why the impact of religion can vary Interpret sources and explain why they are used differently by different people to provide answers to ultimate questions and ethical issues Explain the importance of different forms of expression
YEAR 9	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use large religious vocabulary to show a good understanding of a range of religions and beliefs Analyse issues and questions of meaning and truth Explain the influence of history and culture on religious life Explain why the effect of belonging to a faith is not the same for all people Use different sources, evidence and forms of expression to respond critically to religion, spirituality and ethics
	EP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use extensive religious vocabulary to analyse a range of religions and beliefs Understand interpretations of religion with reference to historical, cultural, social and philosophical affects Critically evaluate the impact of religions and beliefs on different communities and societies Analyse different interpretations of sources, using some of the key methods by which religion and ethics are studied Interpret and evaluate a variety of forms of religious, spiritual and moral expression