*Please copy the wording from this reference onto your church letterhead*

**Pastor’s Reference/Endorsement for SRE Teachers**

Please use BLOCK letters. NB a referee ***cannot be a relative or spouse***. If you are an ACC pastor, please contact **sre@nswacc.org.au** for the ***reference form for pastors***.

To: ACC NSW/ACT STATE EXECUTIVE & ACC SRE

RE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*(legal name of person applying for authorisation to teach SRE with ACC*)

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Denomination of Church: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(e.g. ACC, Pentecostals of Australia, Independent)

I confirm that the above applicant is a suitable person to receive authorisation to represent my church and the Australian Christian Churches (ACC) in the teaching of Special Religious Education (SRE) in NSW Government schools.

I declare that: (please tick to show you agree with each statement)

* The applicant is an active member of our church community, regularly attending services and demonstrating the characteristics of Christian discipleship in their life and conduct.
* To the best of my knowledge, the applicant has not been involved in any unsafe practices with children or young people and is considered a safe and trustworthy individual to work with children and young people (18 years old and under).
* Our church has appropriate insurance coverage and I will forward our certificate of currency to ACC SRE annually when it has been paid.
* Our church accepts responsibility for the SRE teacher as a volunteer of our church (even if they are paid by my church or a board).
* Should any legal costs be incurred in the course of their SRE teaching duties, our church will assume responsibility for covering these costs, including any liability arising from future legal claims associated with alleged harm or abuse.
* Our church accepts our role and responsibility in responding to any complaints in relation to this SRE teacher, including potential reporting and investigation obligations under the Reportable Conduct Scheme.
* I commit to providing ongoing support and pastoral care of this SRE teacher and will endeavour to support them in keeping their SRE authorisation requirements up to date.
* I understand that if in future this SRE teacher is no longer a regular attender at our church that their SRE may be paused or revoked. I will notify NSW&ACT ACC SRE if this SRE teacher is no longer a regular attender at our church.

I have known this applicant for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years and I take full responsibility for endorsing this applicant to teach SRE in NSW Government schools. I acknowledge that the applicant will be covered under my church’s volunteer insurance while teaching SRE.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ACC Credential Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ OR

Name of the body where you are credentialed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_