



MJR 24/7: Suggestions for application in a Secondary context

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Why is MJR 24/7 needed in Secondary?



- Student's awareness of Jesus when they arrive at Secondary school is diverse.
- As Catholic educators, we have a responsibility to teach about Jesus in a relevant and relatable way for our 21st century learners.
- Allows students to connect to topics that they feel are relevant to them e.g. resilience, grief and loss, goal setting, whilst connecting to the message of Jesus.
- Allows students to understand that Jesus, the human, experienced similar challenges in his life.
- Guides students to come to their own conclusion about how relevant religion is to their lives in a modern world.

Debunking: MJR and RE – how do they relate?



- MJR 24/7 is a pastoral care resource that connects important topics for young people to the life and person of Jesus.
- Assists students to take their knowledge of Jesus learnt in RE and apply to pastoral situations in their lives.
- It is not a replacement RE curriculum but instead a supplement – secondary RE curriculum still applies.

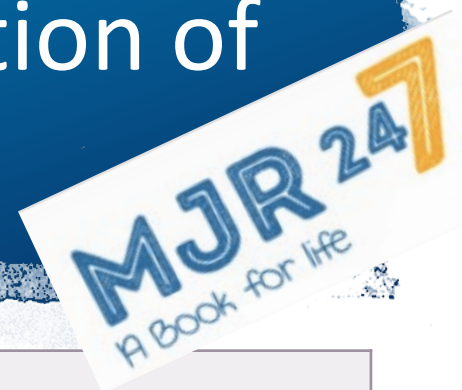
Challenges to implementing MJR 24/7 in Secondary



The biggest hurdle is TIME!

- Timetabling:
 - No designated Pastoral Care Lessons
- College Life:
 - E.g. Celebrations, Masses and Liturgies, House Activities, Year Level Assemblies
- Leadership Buy-In:
 - Your School Leader may not understand the objective of the resource and how it fits within the Catholic ethos of your school.
- Pedagogy:
 - Some teachers may not be used to teaching in this format or require upskilling; resistance may occur.

Suggestions for successful implementation of MJR 24/7 in Secondary



Education of School Leadership	Have a chat with your School Leadership Team
Formation of Staff	Run PD's with Staff; about the resource, exemplar lessons. Open to all staff.
Homeroom/Form	Knowing your students is key; what topic could you work through? Random Acts of Kindness = Spirit of Jesus moments
Co-Curricular Activity/Club	Work through the topics as a "Co-Curricular" club.
Campus Ministry Discussions	Key messages from MJR24/7 with students.
House Mottos/Themes	Choose one of the MJR 24/7 catchphrases: Be your best; N.G.U
Year Level Activities	During Assembly periods; carousel sessions of the topics.
Retreat or Pastoral Care Days	Incorporate into agenda; choose topic based on cohort needs.
Awards	Spirit of Jesus Award at Assembly or in Homeroom.