

# Integrating 'MJR' into the CEWA RE Secondary Curriculum

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## 2018 College Value: Love of Learning

Inspire a passion for knowledge that enables us to explore, challenge and be creative in our lives.

Iona Presentation College is co-educational from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6, and all-girls from Years 7 to 12. It is a Catholic school that, for more than 100 years, has provided education in the Presentation ethos, a rich tradition of service and commitment to social justice.

**Due to a large amount of Year 7 students commencing at Iona (and many other schools in WA) coming from non-Catholic primary schools and/or are non practicing Catholics, there is a growing need to .....**

..... introduce these young people to the person and teachings of Jesus in a way that is



**contemporary**

**engaging**

**understandable**

## In 2018, Iona are trialling a new RE program for Year 7 students

- ❑ that incorporates all of the required curriculum content of the WA Bishops
- ❑ integrates the MJR program as a significant point of study.
- ❑ Inspired by the structure and pedagogy of MJR
- ❑ informing their minds, but also touching their hearts
- ❑ Plus each teacher has a lesson by lesson plan of what to teach and the students have a resource book.

***In Term 3, 2018, teachers will teach an 8-week unit developed by Gemma, that will be entirely “MJR” focused, trialing draft programs developed by Marty Ogle and will be based around:***

- *Part One: Being Your Best*

- *Part Two: Wellbeing and Mental Health*

- *Part Three: Inspirational Individuals and Organisations*

## Assessment Tasks will be .....

1. based on what they have learnt in the MJR unit
2. will be both reflective and creative.

- They will be asked to create an advertisement for the MJR program using a medium of their choice.
- The core focus will be to identify why it is important for young people in Catholic schools and their formation as good Christian people.

The program is still to take place but there has been extremely positive feedback from the Year 7 students, parents and teaching staff around this contemporary way of teaching RE.

Gemma has had students who are not from a Catholic background, or who are Catholic but not practicing Catholics, come to her asking to learn more about Jesus, his teachings and values. They have been inspired in their RE classes, where she has introduced similar pedagogies, content and engaging material.