SAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

RELIGION AND LIFE
PRELIMINARY UNIT 1 AND UNIT 2

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Sample course outline Religion and Life – Preliminary Unit 1 and Unit 2

Unit 1 (notional timeframe only – may take up to whole year)

Week	Key teaching points	Content
1	 Introduction introduce the course and the focus of Unit 1 What people like about religion what students know about religion examples that show what people like about religion 	What people like about religion How to recognise and use key words in self-expression
2	 The meaning of the word religion a simple meaning of the word religion use of the word religion and showing understanding of the word religion Introduce Task 5 	The meaning of the word religion How to recognise and use key words in self-expression Formats to express understandings
3–4	Awareness of own experiences of religion some examples of different experiences people have of religion examples of experiences students have had of religion; for example: at home in the school in the community Task 1 due Week 4	Awareness of own experiences of religion How to self-manage behaviour Formats to express understandings
5–7	Common symbols of a religion a simple definition of a symbol examples of different religious symbols what some religious symbols look like and mean examples of common religious symbols what some of these common religious symbols mean Introduction to Task 2	Common symbols of a religion How to recognise and use key words in self-expression How to self-manage behaviour Formats to express understandings
8–10	 Examples of the presence of religion in society examples of religious buildings in the local area examples of religious artwork examples of some religious activities that take place in the local community Task 2 due Week 10 	Examples of the presence of religion in society Ways to use relevant information and/or ideas How to work on own (with or without assistance) and/or with others on set tasks How to work appropriately in different social settings

Week	Key teaching points	Content
11–13	 Examples of what religion looked like or did in the past a simple definition of the past examples from the past of what religion looked like or something a religion did in the past Task 3 due Week 13 	Examples of what religion looked like or did in the past How to recognise and use key words in self-expression How to self-manage behaviour
14–16	 Key features of a special religious event or place examples of religious events or places when religious events are held or where religious events are held what people do at a special religious event or place recognise key features of a particular religious event, such as: location or setting people involved language used/words special clothing special symbols gestures rituals Task 4 due Week 15 Task 5 due Week 16 	Key features of a special religious event or place How to recognise and use key words in self-expression How to work on own (with or without assistance) and/or with others on set tasks Formats to express understandings

Unit 2 (notional timeframe only – may take up to whole year)

Week	Key teaching points	Content
1–3	 Ways people express religion in their life examples and possible meanings of religious clothing examples of people who live a dedicated religious way of life religious activities people do in their homes examples of people using religious language Introduce Task 10 	Ways people express religion in their life How to recognise and use key words in self-expression
4–6	 Examples of how religion is expressed in Australia religions found in Australia examples of how religion is expressed in Australia where religious buildings, like churches, mosques, synagogues or temples, can be found in the local area how Australians celebrate some religious festivals or seasons an example of a religious festival or season some Australians celebrate Task 6 due Week 6 Introduce Task 9 	Examples of how religion is expressed in Australia How to recognise and use key words in self-expression Ways to use relevant information and/or ideas Formats to express understandings How to work appropriately in different social settings
7–9	 Ways people participate in religion how people participate in religion such as religious rituals, events or special religious days what religious rituals, events or special religious days look like ways people participate in religious rituals, events or special religious days Task 7 due Week 9 	Ways people participate in religion How to recognise and use key words in self-expression Ways to use relevant information and/or ideas
10–12	 Key features of religion some common features of religion, such as leaders, symbols, sacred text, teachings, rituals and buildings a description of one religion using the key features of a religion Task 8 due Week 12 	Key features of religion How to recognise and use key words in self-expression Ways to use relevant information and/or ideas How to work on own (with or without assistance) and/or with others on set tasks How to self-manage behaviour Formats to express understandings
13–14	 Examples from the past of how people in Australia contributed to religion examples from the past of religion in Australia important Australians from the past who contributed to a religion an example of a person from the past who contributed to religion Task 9 due Week 14 	Examples from the past of how people in Australia contributed to religion How to work on own (with or without assistance) and/or with others on set tasks How to work appropriately in different social settings How to self-manage behaviour Formats to express understandings

Week	Key teaching points	Content
15–16	 Current issues for religion people today and their experiences of religion such as: what they like and don't like about religion how they respond and/or participate in religion why they participate Task 10 due Week 16 	Awareness of other people's experiences of religion How to recognise and use key words in self-expression Ways to use relevant information and/or ideas