

**VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS (VSA) - Ethics Lessons 2025
Years 7 & 8 only**

Dear Parent,

Ryde Secondary College now offers from 2025 **Ethics lessons** to support students to develop well-reasoned decisions about ethical issues. Through the give-and-take of reasoned argument students learn to disagree respectfully, to challenge ideas and to support their arguments with considered evidence rather than according to habit or peer pressure. Our volunteer ethics teachers, who are trained members of the school and broader community, use detailed lesson materials which present a range of stories, scenarios and questions to generate discussion. Ethics teachers are trained to impartially facilitate student discussions, **helping students develop their critical thinking and collaborative inquiry skills.**

Primary Ethics is the sole approved provider of Special Education in Ethics by the Department of Education. We are looking to offer this on **Mondays at lunchtime in A8**. Lessons will begin on **Monday 3rd March**. Please note that these lessons are for **Years 7 & 8 only**.

According to the requirements of the Religious and Ethics Education Implementation Procedures, the school must have written permission for all students attending Voluntary Student Activities of a Religious/Ethics Nature.

Please complete the attached form and return it to the front office before attending. Students should have their forms submitted by Wednesday 26th February.

Regards,

Cassy Norris
Principal

I give permission for my child _____ of Roll _____ to attend the VSA group Ethics at lunchtimes..

I acknowledge that this activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures. I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event. I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness, and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

