

HSC Ignition | SOR

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Year 12 SOR

Fast Paced

This is an HSC subject. Things will progress fast with lots of practical work and content being fed to you quickly! You must know how to keep up with this and learn at a good pace.

Dual Religion Focus

This subject requires you to understand and apply the ideologies, values, and principles of TWO different religions and be able to produce coherent arguments for both in question answering.

Subject Rigour

Compared to other subjects, this is not extremely content heavy nor overbearingly hard for most students. However, it provides an accurate reflection of what other Year 12 subjects will look like.

What Actually Happens?

Teaching & Learning Quality

SOR at Marist is extremely thorough and generally quite intensive when it comes to quality of both teaching and learning.

Christianity & Judaism

This class will teach you to memorise different content on both Christianity and Judaism with SOME crossover. You will ALSO be memorising beliefs in other denominations/streams of faith!

Modern Application

You will explore organisations, initiatives, and principles in both religious traditions that are relevant in the modern world and asked to consider where they are practiced in today's society.

Quote Memorisation

Finally, this subject involves a LOT of quote memorisation. This is not necessarily memorising entire Biblical quotes or papal excerpts, it is developing skills on knowing which quotes to use in particular situations.

For your HSC Paper…

10 MARKS	5 MARKS	15 MARKS	20 MARKS
Section I **Multiple Choice** 10 questions regarding Religion in Australia Post-1945, designed to thoroughly test core content knowledge.	**Section I** **Short Response** A 5-marker on Religion in Australia Post-1945. A direct section to test syllabus knowledge without requiring a heavily nuanced response.	**Section II** **Short Answer** 3–4 questions on Judaism (including a 7–9 marker). Focuses on Martin Buber, environmental ethics, and Jewish Marriage.	**Section III** **Extended Essay** A detailed essay on Christianity connecting key principles to Pope John XXIII, Bioethical Teachings, and/or Christian Marriage.

Study Methods and Tips

Proactivity & Real-World Links

Proactivity is an extremely big step in this subject. There is so much content in SOR that is applicable to the real world; humanitarian issues and religious responses to them can be noted and utilised in responses!

Quote Memorisation

Work on quote memorisation constantly throughout your time in the subject. For whatever bit of content you're working on in the week, find a short quote that pertains to it and read/write it down somewhere! Scan over it on the train to school or walking your dog. Passive memorisation works so well here!

Study Methods and Tips

01 / SYLLABUS FOCUS

Know Each Dot Point

SOR content easily delegates into specific syllabus dot points. You MUST know each dot point and specifically how to answer it. Take it one step at a time!

02 / DEPTH & NUANCE

Fit in Nuance

Be extremely aware of where to integrate nuance in your responses; actively stay aware of practices done across different streams of both Christianity and Judaism.

03 / APPLICATION

Practice Responses

Ultimately, the best form of study is to just start writing practice responses. This directly builds structure, formatting, and content memorisation.

RESPONSE WRITING IS KEY!!

Anyone in any SOR class will tell you that response writing is one of the most significant aspects of this subject. This is for two main reasons:

01 / QUESTION TYPES

Framing & Analysis

Learning to analyse, address, and answer different question types. Content is only half the response. Actually answering the question is what is tested.

- You must **FRAME** your response in context of whatever is being asked.
- Thematic questions require extra thought, nuance, and perspective.

02 / COHERENCE & STYLE

Quality & Ingenuity

Writing coherent responses as a class helps you learn from peers and refine your writing style. Essays are **NOT** just content dumps.

- HSIE subjects reward clarity, succinctness, wording, flair, and ingenuity.
- Build responses from the ground up with real effort and dedicated time.

The CRAZIEST Study “Hack”

…Is actually not that crazy.

01 / CLASS DYNAMICS

Collaborative Bonding

- **Three Sections:** There will be different sections that people will naturally be better at; learn from them instead of isolating results for yourself.
- **Shared Strengths:** Support peers where you excel and rely on them where you need support.

02 / LEARNING PROCESS

Learning Together

You do NOT need to understand everything the first time you hear it.

- **Collaboration:** This is a skill that you learn to grow together with. Study sessions, shared responses, etc happen as you grow as a CLASS



Thank You!

Any Further Questions? Come ask!