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Understanding Cultural Diversity Workshops

JCMA School Workshops

Three presenters of Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths deliver a 90-minute workshop to primary and secondary school students and their teachers. The interactive program has been running since 2007 and challenges some of the typical stereotypes young people may hold and demonstrates friendship and respect between people of different faiths and cultures. The interactive program includes:

- Comparing different faith traditions, the commonalities and differences
- Sharing of personal life experiences, beliefs and common values
- Linking issues of diversity and faith to belonging and community identity
- Interactive Q and A session

Teacher Professional Learning

JCMA can also provide engaging and thought provoking workshops for teachers to gain a better understanding of current issues centred on cultural diversity, identity and belonging. The JCMA workshop has been approved for teacher accreditation under the CECV Policy 1.6 in the catholic school system and JCMA offers Teacher Professional Learning Days. For more information on how JCMA can work with you in curriculum day-tailored programs and provide keynote speakers for conferences, forums and staff curriculum planning days call 03 9287 5590.

Book Now

To book or for more information on JCMA schools workshops and teacher professional learning programs call Rotem on (03) 9287 5571 or 0439 564 014 or email schoolscoordinator@jcma.org.au.

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Links to the Victorian Curriculum

Within the Victorian Curriculum there are multiple opportunities for students to learn about worldviews, different beliefs and practices. For example, In the Victorian curriculum F-10 Humanities, Civics and Citizenship, and in History and Geography, where students explore the processes that have shaped and which continue to shape different societies and cultures. The JCMA workshops link to developing the core competencies of cross-cultural communication, critical thinking, analysis of ethical issues, conflict resolution and building respectful relationships. Some of the curriculum links include:

Historical Knowledge:

Significance of days and weeks celebrated or commemorated in Australia and the importance of symbols and emblems, including Australia Day, ANZAC Day, Harmony Week (VCHHK076) and significance of celebrations and commemorations in other places around the world (VCHHK077)

Australia as a Nation, Australia and the Modern World:

The stories and perspectives of people who migrated to Australia, (VCHHK095) and significant contributions of individuals and groups to changing Australian society (VCHHK096). Causes and developments of the major global influences on Australia (VCHHK158) and changing social, cultural, historical, economic, environmental, political and technological conditions on a major global influence in Australia (VCHHK159)

What Teachers are Saying

“It introduces students in an engaging way to the deep, important, bigger picture issues of morality, ethics, identity and culture, and the how faith forms those. It gives students the opportunity for interesting discussion” Mount Lilydale, Tom Leydon.

“Students are still talking about last week and your presentation was certainly a conversation starter in many classes” St Helena College, James Hardingham.

Program Benefits For Teachers

- Better understanding of current issues centred on cultural diversity, identity and belonging
- Can be linked to key parts of the new Victorian Curriculum (see ‘Links to the Victorian Curriculum’ above)
- Assists in developing social and emotional skills and core competencies in the Victorian Curriculum
- Can be creatively linked to delivering key messages on theme days such as Harmony Day 21st March, Neighbour Day, 27th March 2016, International Day of Peace 21st Sept 2016
- Provides resources such as the JCMA Comparative Guide available in print form, downloadable pdf and as an interactive module ‘JCM-iSITE on the JCMA website <http://jcma.org.au/educational-resources>
- Activities such as the JCMA Friendship Walk available on request

For more information on how JCMA can work with you in curriculum day-tailored programs for your teams to explore and learn more about cultural diversity and difference within your communities contact us on 03 9287 5590 or email schoolscoordinator@jcma.org.au.

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