Religion has been and is an integral part of human existence and a component of every culture. An appreciation of society is enhanced by an understanding of religion, its influence on human behaviour and interaction within cultures and across time.

At Masada we offer Studies of Religion as a 2-Unit Preliminary course in Year 11 and a 2-Unit HSC course in Year 12.

Mission Statement
Students who study Studies of Religion at Masada develop knowledge and skills that enable them to:

- Describe and explain the characteristics of religion and belief systems, using appropriate terminology
- Identify and analyse the influence of religion on individuals and society, both locally and globally
- Examine the expression of religion and Indigenous belief systems in Australia throughout history
- Evaluate how religious beliefs are expressed in the daily lives of adherents
- Investigate how significant people or schools of thought have impacted on the development and expression of religions
- Appreciate how religions offer their adherents ethical guidance on an array of contemporary issues
- Conduct effective research about religion and synthesise the findings from the research

Masada students love to debate contentious issues and our small class sizes in Studies of Religion give all students a chance to explore some of the big questions about the benefits and pitfalls of religion and its effect on individuals and society at large.

Our Results
Masada has a strong academic tradition in Studies of Religion, exemplified by our excellent Higher School Certificate results. Most notably:

- 2008: 100% of students gained Band 5 or 6, compared with a state average of 48%
- 2009: 90% of students gained Band 5 or 6, compared with a state average of 52%
- 2010: 100% of students gained Band 5 or 6, compared with a state average of 49%

Extra Curricular
Our students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities outside the classroom including:

- Visits to places of worship such as a Mosque and a Baha’i Temple.
- Youth Encounters Interfaith Days, designed to allow Studies of Religion students the opportunity to meet with students of other faiths and discuss with them their growing appreciation of different religions.
- Email exchange networks with Studies of Religion students from local schools wishing to share information about their respective religions and learn more about Judaism.

Support
Students who have difficulty with Studies of Religion are provided with excellent support. All Masada students in Year 11 and 12 have a tutorial lesson once a week where they can make an appointment with their teachers to discuss their progress and receive one-on-one assistance. In the holiday periods, students are also able to email their revision work to teachers to receive feedback.