

RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

Religious pluralism is an attitude or policy regarding the diversity of religious belief systems co-existing in society. Religious Diversity is a term for the condition of harmonious co-existence between adherents of different religions or religious denominations.

To me religious diversity affects all people, including those who don't identify with a specific religion, even extending to individuals moral beliefs and values. It is about recognising and celebrating the similarities and differences between our beliefs around all different religions around the world. As well as how it shapes our identity within ourselves and within the community. Furthermore religious diversity includes being given the freedom to speak openly about your religion and beliefs without the fear of suffering discrimination for your beliefs.

In the school community we can help celebrate the wide variety of beliefs and faiths whether within the Anglican tradition or not. By achieving religious equality we can further accept and support all girls' faiths and better understand our own identity leading the way for younger generations to achieve religious diversity within their individual communities.

AROUND THE WORLD:

A 2014 analysis by the Pew Research Centre found Singapore to be the world's most religiously diverse nation.

Australia's major religion is Christianity, the two major denominations, Anglican and Catholic, account for 36% of the Australian population.

In the 2016 Census, Christian religion affiliations were reported by 52% of the population. Non-Christian religions represented about 8% of the population. About 39% of the population stated they had no religion or did not state their religion. The 2016 Census recorded over 120 different religious denominations each with 250 or more followers.

THE GOOD OF RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

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