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Dear RASNET 2014 Conference Participant

**Introducing the JCMA Education Program 2014**

Established in 2003, The Jewish, Christian, Muslim Association (JCMA) of Australia aims to create a forum for interfaith dialogue and shared experience through meeting and discussion in a modern Australian and international context. The three peak bodies, the Jewish Community Council of Victoria, the Victorian Council of Churches and the Islamic Council of Victoria are JCMA’s Sponsoring Organisations.

The principal activity of JCMA is the promotion of the prevention or the control of behaviour that is harmful or abusive to human beings, specifically emotional and physical abuse arising from religious intolerance and cultural discrimination.

JCMA knows the value of actually meeting and learning from Jews, Christians and Muslims, something the JCMA Educational Workshops embody when presenters from the three different Abrahamic faiths conduct a School Workshop.

**The JCMA Education Program consists of workshops** conducted for government and non-government schools.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Values based interactive role play designed for students in years 3 & 4 and 5 & 6
Aims to tackle prejudice and promote living in harmony
60 minute program

**SECONDARY SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Targeting year levels 7 to 12, this is a 90 minute program consisting of a brief introductory DVD, delivery of some fast facts, each presenter presenting for five minutes on why they are a Jew a Christian or a Muslim followed by a questions and answers time. For further information please see: [http://jcma.org.au/school-project-home](http://jcma.org.au/school-project-home)
THE AIMS

- To introduce a Jew, a Christian and a Muslim who live in Australia to the students, and to show the three panellists interacting respectfully and harmoniously
- To educate many more children to be more accepting of others and feel more empathy toward people who are different to themselves
- To decrease the willingness of children and members of the community to be involved in or to condone hateful speech prejudiced judgements and behaviours
- To increase understanding of similarities and to encourage respect for difference and diversity amongst staff, students and parents

The cost of the workshop is $748 (including GST).

TO BOOK A WORKSHOP

Contact the JCMA Schools Coordinator, Sarah Tomilson on 9287 5590 or 0439 564 014 or email her at schoolscordinator@jcma.org.au

A COMPARATIVE GUIDE TO JUDAISM, CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM

A quick overview of the Abrahamic faiths is provided in “A Comparative Guide to Judaism, Christianity and Islam” which JCMA hopes you will find valuable and useful as educators of students in this very multicultural, multifaith State of Victoria.

If you have any queries or would like further copies of the Comparative Guide, please contact 9287 5590 or email executiveofficer@jcma.org.au.

We hope your school might consider having the educational experience that the JCMA Education Program provides through its workshops.

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Sponsoring Organisations:
Jewish Community Council of Victoria
Victorian Council of Churches
Islamic Council of Victoria