

Information to parents and consent form – religious instruction and other instruction

The *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* requires schools to provide RI for up to one hour each week if approached by a faith group seeking to provide RI and students of that faith attend the school.

RI informs students about the beliefs and values of a particular religion. It is delivered by volunteers of a faith group using instructional materials approved by that faith group. These materials are not part of the formal school curriculum and are not endorsed by the Department of Education and Training.

Participation in RI is not compulsory.

Any student (except Prep students) may participate in RI if a parent has given consent and indicated a religion, on the *Application for Student Enrolment Form* or in other written advice to the principal.

Any child not participating in RI, or whose nominated religion is not represented within the RI program/s at the school, will receive other instruction by a qualified member of school staff in a separate location during the time RI is held. Other instruction will relate to subject areas that have already been covered in class.

At any time, parents may provide written instruction to the principal to change their preference for their child to participate in or be withdrawn from RI.

You may wish to access the Department's RI policy statement available at <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/ri-policy-statement.html> for further information.

Student Name: _____ Year Level: _____

RELIGION – RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

From Year 1, your child may participate in religious instruction if it is available.

If you tick 'No' your child will receive other instruction in a separate location during the period arranged for religious instruction.

Parents/carers may change these arrangements at any time by notifying the principal in writing.

Do you want your child to participate in religious instruction?

Yes

No

Parent/carer signature: _____ Date: _____

Privacy Notice

The Department of Education and Training (DET) is collecting the personal information requested in this form in order to:

- obtain lawful consent for your child to participate in religious instruction or other instruction;
- update school records where necessary.

The information will only be accessed by authorised school staff and will be dealt with in accordance with the confidentiality requirements of s.426 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld)* and the *Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld)*.

The information will not be disclosed to any other person or agency unless it is for a purpose stated above, the disclosure is authorised or required by law, or you have given DET permission for the information to be disclosed.



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