



Windsor State School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to inform you about the religious instruction (RI) arrangements in 2018. **If you wish to make any changes to your current preferences regarding your child's participation in RI or other instruction, please complete the bottom section of this form. If there are no changes to be made, there is no need to return the form to the school.**

Queensland state schools embrace a multitude of cultural, religious and non-religious beliefs. Under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, schools are to provide RI 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.

All RI instructors must hold a blue card and participate in compulsory Student Protection and Code of Conduct training. RI instructors are only entitled to deliver the RI program outlined below. A school staff member will be present during the delivery of RI.

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. A parent, regardless of their own faith (if any), may choose to give consent for their child to participate in one of the RI programs listed below.

Any child not participating in RI, or whose nominated religion is not represented within the RI program 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may provide written instruction to the principal to change their preference for their child to participate in or be withdrawn from RI. If a parent does not update their consent by completing and returning this form, their previous written instructions to the school will continue to apply.

The faith groups that provide religious instructors to deliver the program at our school are listed below, including links to the website for materials to be used in RI at our school:

Arrangements for programs	Name of RI program	Delivery details
Cooperative program : • Christian RI Faith groups involved: Anglican, Australian Christian Churches (ACC), Baptist, Catholic, Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC), Presbyterian, Uniting Church	<u>LESSON AIMS FOR ALL OF THE PROGRAMS BELOW ARE AVAILABLE HERE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE</u> Year 1: Beginning with God (CEP) Further information can be found here Year 2: Connect Cycle B Infants (CEP) Further information can be found here Year 3: Connect Cycle B Lower Primary (CEP) Further information can be found here Year 4: Search Yellow Series (Access) Further information can be found here Years 5 and 6: Big Questions (CEP) Further information can be found here	<i>Religious Instruction occurs on Tuesday afternoons: 1.50-2.20pm or 2.20-2.50pm, commencing Week 7 of Term 1</i> Year 1 – offered Term 2 and 3 Year 2 – offered all year Year 3 – offered Term 1 and Term 4 Year 4 – offered all year Year 5 – offered throughout the year to combinations of Year 5 classes Year 6 - offered all year

The aims and objectives of the co-operative Christian RI program is to inform students about the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. Lesson aims and overviews for each of the RI programs to be used in this agreement are available via the link in the table above.

Further details about our school's RI program and other instruction are available on the school's website and in the school's parent handbook. You may also 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.

There is a small charge to cover the cost of the student activity book to be used in RI as listed below. Parents of participating students will be invoiced for the following year level cost:

Year 1: \$5.25 Years 2 and 3: \$3.45 Year 4: \$3.80 Years 5 and 6: \$4.95

Please do not make payment until an invoice is issued.

You will also be notified of any changes to RI or other instruction.

Our school's Christian RI Coordinator Mrs Karen Grenning is available to answer any questions you may have about the program. You can contact Mrs Grenning at grenning@bigpond.net.au or you may make an appointment to meet with her in the school office. Copies of the RI Teacher's Manuals and Student Workbooks are also available now in the school office for parents to peruse.

If you would like further information about RI or other instruction at our school, or require assistance with completing the form below, please contact us at admin@windsorss.eq.edu.au.

Your sincerely,



Grant Baker
Windsor State School

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Please complete, sign and return this form to the school office or email it to admin@windsorss.eq.edu.au

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' or if the nominated religion is not represented within the school's religious instruction program, 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

If 'Yes', please nominate the religion:

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.