

## Example State School

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

QPSSS additions in blue to assist principals.

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Dear Parent/Carer

We are currently updating our religious instruction (RI) records and ask that you please complete the form below and return it to the school.

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may provide written instruction to the principal to change their preference for their child to participate in or be withdrawn from RI.

The faith groups that provide religious instructors to deliver the program at our school are listed below:

Arrangements for programs	Participating faith group/s	Name of RI program	Delivery details
Cooperative program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Example Baptist Church</li><li>Example Uniting Church</li><li>Example Lutheran Church</li></ul>	GodSpace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Location- yr 2 and 4 classrooms for those year levels</li><li>Fridays for 30 mins per lesson between 2pm and 3pm</li></ul>
Single program			
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The aims and objectives of each program are attached for your information. Attached is the [GodSpace Semester overview](#) which provides information on themes and aims for the semester as suggested for informing parents in the Department review of this program.

[https://www.godspace.org.au/curriculum\\_P.html](https://www.godspace.org.au/curriculum_P.html)

Further details about our school's RI program/s and other instruction are available on the school's website and in the school's 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.

The school will advise parents of child/ren participating in these programs if a faith group requires funds to cover the expense of materials used in RI.

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



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Non return of this form will mean your child will be allocated to Other Instruction.

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 on **0733333333**

Your sincerely

**Joan Policy-Compliant  
Principal  
Example State School**

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Please complete, sign and return this form to the schooloffice or email it to xxxxxx@eq.edu.au

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>RELIGION – RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION</b>	
<b>From Year 1, your child may participate in religious instruction if it is available.</b> <b>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.</b> <b>Parents/carers may change these arrangements at any time by notifying the principal in writing.</b>	<b>Do you want your child to participate in religious instruction?</b>  Yes                      No
	<b>If 'Yes', please nominate the religion:</b>

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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