Religious instruction

Queensland state schools embrace a multitude of cultural, religious and non-religious beliefs. Under the *Education (General Provisions)* <u>*Act 2006,*</u> schools are to provide Religious Instruction (RI) 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. RI is required to be consistent with legislation and Department of Education policies and procedures.

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 provided written instructions to the school. Students are allocated to RI based on information provided by parents on the completed Application for student enrolment unless other written instructions have been provided to the school.

Note: This consent remains in effect unless the parent informs the school otherwise in writing.

A description of the RI available is provided below.

Christian Religious Instruction

Participating faith groups: Local Christian Churches come together to offer Christian RI on a cooperative and non-denominational basis. These local churches may, amongst others, include Anglican, Australian Christian Churches, Assembly of God, Baptist, Catholic, Generations Church, Julatten Family Fellowship, Presbyterian, Salvation Army, Seventh-Day Adventists, and Uniting Churches.

Authorised programs

CEP's Big Questions For further detail please click here

Aims and goals

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The aim of Christian RI is to inform students about the basic beliefs of the Christian faith from a non-denominational perspective.

Lesson structure: Lessons will typically run for 70min per term

For further information please view the departments <u>Religious</u> instruction policy statement.