



Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to inform you about the Religious Instruction (RI) arrangements at Burleigh Heads State School and provide information to allow informed consent. If you wish to make any changes to your current preferences regarding your child's participation in RI, 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 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 the 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 be placed in another classroom where they can join with the class or complete work 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may provide written instruction to the Principal to change their preference for their child to participate in or be withdrawn from RI.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, Baptist, Catholic, Evangelical Churches, Presbyterian, Uniting.	<p><u>LESSON AIMS FOR ALL OF THE PROGRAMS BELOW ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE</u></p> Year 1: Beginning with God (Christian Education Program) Year 2: Connect C1 & C2 Infants (CEP) Year 3: Connect C1 & C2 Infants (CEP) Year 4: Connect C1 & C2 Lower Primary (CEP) Year 5: Connect C1 & C2 Lower Primary (CEP) Year 6: Connect C1 & C2 Upper Primary (CEP)	<i>Religious Instruction occurs on Thursday 9.00am – 11.00am, commencing Week 5 of Term 1.</i>

Further information, including Scope and Sequence Charts, can be found on our school website, under the Support and Resources – Documents – Religious Instruction Tab.

<https://burlheadss.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx>

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.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Tong
Principal

Please complete, sign and return this form to the school office.

Student Name: _____

Year Level: _____

RELIGION – RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION	
<p>From Year 1, your child may participate in Religious Instruction if it is available.</p> <p>If you tick "NO" or 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.</p> <p>Parents/carers may change these arrangements at any time by notifying the principal in writing.</p>	<p>Do you want your child to participate in Religious Instruction?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <hr/> <p>Child's religion: _____ (If applicable)</p>

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.