

## **Religious instruction**

Queensland state schools embrace a multitude of cultural, religious and non-religious beliefs. Under the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, 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. Each year we will also send home permission forms regarding the year's RI program to confirm students' participation.

**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: New Heart Baptist Church, St Philips Anglican Parish, St Peters Catholic Parish, Brisbane Chinese Alliance Church, Hillsong Church, Springwood Churches of Christ, and Gateway Baptist Church.

Authorised program: Big Questions (Yrs 1 – 5), Connect (Year 6)

Aims and goals: Lessons taken from a non-denominational CRI curriculum that gives basic Christian teaching from the Bible stories and examples, encouraging the children to develop their own understanding of God and how this may apply to their lives. The Teacher Manuals were revised in 2019 and meet current Queensland government guidelines.

Lesson structure: 30mins per week

For further information, including module and/or lesson descriptors please contact the school and/or consult parent information letter sent home before the commencement of the program each year.

Parents of students participating in these programs will be advised if a faith group requires funds to cover the expense of materials used in RI.

### **Other Instruction**

Students who are not participating in RI are provided with other instruction in a separate supervised location. Other instruction must relate to part of a subject area already covered in class and may include:

- personal research and/or assignments
- revision of class work such as creative writing or literacy and/or numeracy activities which could include online programs currently accessed by the students of that school (i.e. [Mathletics](#), [Reading Eggs](#))
- wider reading such as independent reading appropriate to the student
- other suitable class work as designed by the teacher

Parents will be advised of any changes to the RI and other instruction programs to ensure they are able to make an informed decision on their child's participation.

