



Dear Parent/Caregiver

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may provide written instruction to the principal to change their preference for their child to participate in or be withdrawn from RI.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 group that provide religious instructors to deliver the program at our school is listed below:

Arrangements for programs	Participating faith group/s		Name of RI program	Delivery details
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperative program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baptist Church of Australia Beacon Community Baptist Church Catalyst Church Central Presbyterian Church Churches of Christ in QLD Glebe Road Uniting Church Good News Company Raceview Congregational Church Sacred Heart Catholic Church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silkstone Baptist St John's Lutheran Church St Mary's Catholic Church St Pauls Anglican Parish of Ipswich St Pauls Anglican Parish of Ipswich The Salvation Army Toowoomba City Church Trinity Uniting Church Vision Family Church Whitehill Church of Christ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Religious Instruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Classrooms Every Friday 30 minute lesson for Years 1 - 6

The aims and objectives of each program are:

- To provide an effective and good quality Christian Religious Instruction program by encouraging, training and supporting CRI instructors.
- To enable an understanding of the Christian faith and values in an age and developmentally appropriate manner.
- To experience skills in reading and understanding the bible.
- To deepen and enrich the student's experience of the life and love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Further details about our school's RI program and other instruction are available on the school's website. 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. 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 3437 2111.

Yours in education

Kandice Hutson
 Deputy Principal

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

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

RELIGION – RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

From Year 1- Year 6, 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/Caregiver 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.