



Gumdale State School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

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 that faith group.

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.

Religious Instruction is not compulsory in state schools. Students in years one to six have the option of participating in RI. If you would like your child to attend RI please indicate on the form below. Parents may withdraw their child from Religious Instruction classes at any time by notifying the Principal in writing.

Gumdale has a co-operative arrangement where more than one faith group provides the instruction.

The instructors are accredited representatives from their respective churches and have participated in faith-based religious instructor training. All instructors have a current blue card and have received school-based training in areas such as student protection.

The instructors use the Connect series which is the program authorised by the Bayside Ministers` Fraternal. The content and delivery of the program has been reviewed by the department and has been discussed at a school level with the instructors as part of the program monitoring.

Further details about our school's RI program/s 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.

Please complete, sign and return this form to the schooloffice.

Student Name: _____

RELIGION – RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

From Year 1, 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/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.