



GRACEVILLE STATE SCHOOL
Established 1928

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Dear Parents,

RE: Religious instruction (RI) in Queensland state schools

Please read the information supplied in this letter and complete & return if you wish to **change** your child's participation or non-participation in Religious Instruction. Slips need to be returned to the school by Wednesday 1st February 2017.

Queensland state schools provide religious instruction in accordance with Chapter 5 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA) and Part 5 of the *Education (General Provisions) Regulations 2006* (EGPR) by making available up to one hour per week for the provision of religious instruction to students (except Prep students) who are members of a faith group that has approval to deliver religious instruction at the school.

At Graceville State School Religious Instruction lessons are held on Friday mornings for a period of half an hour per lesson.

Religious instruction (RI) is offered at the school and is conducted on Friday mornings. RI will commence in Week 3 (**Friday 10th February**). Students will be in classrooms for classes of Religious Instruction or if they are not attending, in those year levels.

❖ **Semester : 1 Years 1, 2 & 6;**

❖ **Semester: 2 Years 3, 4 & 5**

At Graceville we operate a Co-operative program which is for students who have a Christian religion nominated on enrolment. We use the Connect Curriculum materials (flyer attached). This program is authorized to operate in the school by the Principal.

The Bahá'í faith group offer classes based on the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Baha'i Faith. The lessons are focused on the Central principles of the Bahá'í Faith. To find out more about the Baha'i Faith go to www.bahai.org.au. If your child is a Bahai faith, more information about when that is commencing will be forwarded to you.

Parents of child/ren participating in these programs will be advised about funds to cover the expense of materials used in RI. This will be included in the Term 2 account to cover all year levels for 2017.

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 information remains operational unless the parent informs the school otherwise in writing.

Students who are not participating in RI will be 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, but is not restricted to:

- 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

If you have any questions in regards to Religious Instruction please contact me (lmcke46@eq.edu.au) or the class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Lisa McKeaten (DP)



Participation or Non Participation in Religious Instruction

Child's Name _____ Class _____

Upon enrolment you gave your permission for your child to participate in:
(highlighted)

- 1) *Co-operative Program;***
- 2) *Bahai***
- 3) *Not participating in Religious Instruction***



Please return this form to the office by Wednesday 1st February 2017, if you want to change permissions for your child:

Please tick the appropriate box below if you wish to change your child's participation or non participation in Religious Instruction

1) I would like my child to participate in the <i>Co-operative</i> Program and understand that they will be following the materials provided by The Council for Christian Education in Schools.	
2) I would like my child to participate in the <i>Bahai</i> Faith Program and understand that the lessons are focused on the central principles of the Bahai Faith.	
3) I would <i>not</i> like my child to participate in Religious Instruction lessons and understand that my child will be receiving instruction related to part of a subject area that has already been covered in class and may include, but is not limited to wider reading, personal research, revision of work, completion of homework tasks or can be another relevant activity determined by the Year level teachers.	

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____