

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION - COMMUNICATIONS JANUARY 2025

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Religious instruction reminder

Information on religious instruction programs is to be provided to parents upon enrolment and as requested. The recommended [content](#) should be published on the extra-curricular or co-curricular tabs of your school website. Text from the [Multi-Faiths RI Network](#) website can also be used to populate program-specific information. See the [OnePortal news item](#) for more information.

ONEPORTAL NEWS ITEM - published 20 January 2025 (repeated further 2 weeks) <https://intranet.qed.qld.gov.au/about/newsandmedia/news/Pages/religious-instruction-implementation.aspx>

Religious Instruction implementation

Schools are reminded that faith groups are entitled to deliver Religious Instruction (RI) for up to 1 hour per week to students who have written consent to participate.

Students participate in RI based on information provided by parents on the [application for student enrolment or in other written instructions to the school](#).

Schools are to record information from parents about whether or not their child can participate in RI under [Manage Student Details > Enrolment Details in OneSchool](#). If information is stored in other locations (e.g. Permissions module of OneSchool), please transfer this data into 'Manage Student Details > Enrolment Details in OneSchool'.

Information from parents is to be recorded even if RI is not offered at the school or if the RI option nominated is not currently offered. The parent's choice remains in effect until the parent provides other written instructions to the school.

While instructions in any written format from a parent are acceptable, an optional template [information and consent form—religious and other instruction \(DOC, 852KB\)](#) is available for school use. Students not participating in RI will attend other instruction which must relate to part of the curriculum that has already been covered in a student's class and does not include 'free time'. Examples of appropriate activities include wider reading, personal research, assignments or revision of work.

Schools are to provide information on the RI program/s available at the school on the extra-curricular or co-curricular tab on their website, using recommended content from the [school website, newsletter and parent handbook information supporting document \(DOCX, 201KB\)](#). Please note: a minor edit has been made to this document in the description of the RI program section by reordering the aims and goals of the RI program first. Principals also have discretion to communicate with parents through additional avenues such as the school's social media pages.

Please liaise with your RI coordinator/s about the RI program-specific information to be included on the school's website. At the discretion of the principal and at any time, schools can distribute to their community additional information provided by their RI coordinator about RI programs available at their school. Some information is available from the [Queensland Multi-Faiths RI Peak Body Network](#) and text from the network's site may be copied to the school's webpage and their [brochures](#) used.



Any change to the content or availability of RI programs must be clearly communicated to parents in a timely manner that allows them to make an informed decision on their child's participation.

Prior to the delivery of RI, schools must ensure the RI program/s do not contravene legislation or departmental procedures, and are developmentally appropriate for the intended audience. To assist schools, the Queensland Multi-Faiths RI Peak Body Network [commissioned independent reviews](#) of some RI programs for their alignment with departmental policy requirements. The review reports are available on the network's website.

Schools can provide RI instructors with a list of the names of students participating in their RI class. Such a list is not to leave school grounds unless it is de-identified (e.g. consists of first names only with no year level or school name).

Schools are reminded that information provided by RI leaders applying to provide RI programs at your school on [form 1: single/cooperative arrangement and religious instructor approval \(DOC, 970KB\)](#) is confidential and is not to be released without the permission of the parties or as required by law.

Schools are to continue to follow the provisions of the [RI policy statement](#) and its supporting documents, and can refer to the [frequently asked questions](#) for more information.