



# Homebush State School



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HOMEBUSH STATE SCHOOL

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to inform you about the religious instruction (RI) arrangements in 2021. We would like to update your current preferences regarding your child's participation in RI or other instruction, please complete the section on the back of this form and return it to school.

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.

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. A parent, regardless of their own faith (if any), may choose to give consent for their child to participate in one of the RI programs listed below.

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.

This agreement will last the duration of your child's enrolment at Homebush SS but 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may provide written instruction to the principal to change their preference for their child to participate in or be withdrawn from RI.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 provides religious instructors to deliver the program at our school is listed below:

Arrangements for programs	Name of RI program	Delivery details
<b>Co-operative Arrangement:</b> • Non-Doctrinal Program	<b>Non Doctrinal Program:</b> <u>Aims</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To Support School Rules and community</li><li>To inform Christian Values</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Commencing Term 1, Week 3</li><li>Year 1 to Year 6</li><li>Monday morning – ½ Hour lesson</li></ul>

Further details about our school's RI program/s and other instruction are available by contacting the school Principal. 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.

You will also be notified of any changes to RI or other instruction.

Please complete the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

Your sincerely

**Ms Meg McNamara**  
**PRINCIPAL**



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## Religious Instruction Permission Form

Please complete, sign and return this form to the school office.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>RELIGION –</b>	
<p><b>From Year 1, your child may participate in religious instruction if it is available.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>Parents/carers may change these arrangements at any time by notifying the principal in writing.</b></p>	<p><b>Do you want your child to participate in religious instruction?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes      <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
	<p><b>If 'Yes', please nominate the religion:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>NON DOCTRINAL PROGRAM</b></p>

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.*