



RAINWORTH STATE SCHOOL

Information to parents and consent form – religious instruction and other instruction

2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We are currently updating our religious instruction (RI) records and ask that you please complete the form below and return it to the school.

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.

At the moment we have no co-ordinator for Religion in Life program. The only Religion Program offered for 2020 at Rainworth State School will be Bahai.

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may provide written instruction to the principal to change their preference for their child to participate in or be withdrawn from RI.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

| Arrangements for programs | Participating faith group/s | Name of RI program | Delivery details |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Cooperative program | • Ecumenical Option 1 | • Religion In Life | NOT Available in 2020 |
| Single program | • Bahai Option 2 | • Bahai | • Various classrooms (1/2 hour each lesson) |
| Single program | • Non Religious Option 3 | • Non Religious | • Various classrooms • (1/2 hour each lesson) |

The aims and objectives of the Bahai program is attached for your information.

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.



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Information about Religious Instruction

Revised: October 2019

Bahá'í EDUCATION CLASSES

Bahá'í education classes will continue to be offered at Rainworth State School this year. These classes are based on the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Baha'i Faith. The emphasis of these classes is on learning to think, reflect and to apply spiritual principles to the life of the individual and society. They are based on a strong belief in the nobility of all human beings and that every child is a "mine rich in gems of inestimable value". These "gems" are spiritual qualities or virtues such as unity, kindness, love, justice, truthfulness and service. These qualities are explored in the class through the consideration and memorisation of a quote from the Baha'i Writings concerning the particular quality or virtue, and engaging in a range of activities (prayer, song, story, drama, cooperative games and art) to assist each child understand and apply the spiritual quality to his/her lives.

While inspired by the principles and ideals of the Bahá'í Faith, Bahá'í education classes are not classes of religious indoctrination. The moral principles they seek to impart are applicable to people of all faiths, and the personal beliefs of the children and their families will be respected at all times.



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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 3514 9444.

Your sincerely

Richenda Wagener
Rainworth State School



Please complete, sign and return this form to the "Green Box" at the school office or email it to info@rainworthss.eq.edu.au ASAP.

Student Name: _____ Year Level: _____

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

Parent/carer signature: _____ Date: _____

Please complete your child RI option below (as well as Demonination above – if applicable).

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| Option 1 – Religion in Life | <input type="checkbox"/> | NOT AVAILABLE IN 2020 |
| Option 2 – Bahai | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Option 3 – No religion | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

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.



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