



# Bundaberg East State School

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## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AT BUNDABERG EAST STATE 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 Religious Instruction (RI) 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. RI is required to be consistent with legislation and Department of Education policies and procedures.

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 students (except Prep students) may participate in RI if a parent has provided written instructions to the school.

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 consent remains in effect unless the parent informs the school otherwise in writing.*

A description of the RI available at Bundaberg East State School is provided below:-

**Name of Faith Group RI:** Christian RI

**Title of authorised program:** The providers of Christian RI use authorised program resources and are committed to best-practice programs that have been reviewed by independent curriculum experts. The most popular Christian RI program resources in use in Queensland state schools are: Connect, Beginning with God and Big Questions (all published by Christian Education Publications) and GodSpace (published by Burst Christian Resources).

**Participating faith groups:** Local Christian Churches come together to offer Christian RI on a cooperative and non-denominational basis. These local Churches include:-

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| Ann Street Gospel Chapel                 | Apostolic Church of Australia (QLD) | Bargara Presbyterian             |
| Bundaberg Baptist Church                 | Bundaberg Bible Church              | Bundaberg Catholic Communities   |
| Bundaberg Church of Christ               | Bundaberg West Baptist              | Christ Church Anglican           |
| Citicoast Church                         | Coral Coast Baptist Church          | Crofton Street Gospel Hall       |
| Good Shepherd Anglican                   | Heritage Christian Centre           | Living Word Fellowship           |
| Lutheran Church                          | Oakwood Community Church            | Presbyterian Church Alice Street |
| Restored Apostolic Mission Congregation  | Salvation Army                      | Uniting Church of Australia      |
| New Beginnings Wesleyan Methodist Church |                                     |                                  |

**Outline of your Faith Group's Aims and Goals:** The aim of Christian RI is to inform students about the basic beliefs of the Christian Faith from a non-denominational perspective.

**Outline of lesson structure:** Christian RI may involve a variety of up-to-date teaching methods including story telling, music, drama, activity books, games, quizzes, video clips and puppet shows. Program resources are written by professional educators and are age-appropriate.

**Amount of time for lesson per week:** Typically 30 minutes once each week

The cost to participate in RI at Bundaberg East State School in 2020 is \$5.00 per student or \$10.00 per family.

### **Other Instruction**

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 already covered in class and may include:-

- 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 (ie. Mathletics, Reading Eggs etc)
- wider reading such as independent reading appropriate to the student

Parents will be advised of any changes to the RI program and other instruction programs to ensure they are able to make an informed decision on their child's participation.

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