

# SUNNYBANK HILLS STATE SCHOOL

## Religious Instruction Programs

Dear Parents

All students (except Prep students) of Sunnybank Hills State School are placed in either religious instruction or other instruction in accordance with written information provided on their Application for Student Enrolment unless parents have provided other instructions. The local religious community has offered a 30 minute Religious Instruction lesson to our students.

The majority of our students opt for the classes that are provided by the Anglican, Uniting, Baptist and Catholic Churches. These churches provide a broad based non-denominational ecumenical program based on Christian teachings and beliefs. During these Ecumenical Religious Instruction lessons the children remain in their class and the instructor comes to instruct the whole class. The instructions revolve around the program "Religion in Life" which is written by the Council for Christian Education in Schools.

Students of the Buddhist faith undertake separate Religious Instruction lessons taken by members of their faith. Students are withdrawn from their classes for these lessons.

Please be aware that all instructors of Religious Instruction are approved by their churches. They also must have Blue Cards.

The Education Act (2006) requires schools to gain permission for students to attend Religious Instruction lessons.

Students who are not participating in Religious Instruction as supervised in a separate location and provided with other instruction which relates to work which has already been covered in class and may include, but is not limited to, wider reading, personal research or revision of work.

Please complete the following form to enable your child to attend Religious Instruction lessons.

Many thanks

Geoff Mill  
Principal

# Religious Instruction Permission Slip

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## Information and consent form – religious instruction and other instruction

The aims and objectives of each program are attached for your information.

Further details about our school's RI program/s and other instruction are available on the school's website. 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.

The school will advise parents of child/ren participating in these programs if a faith group requires funds to cover the expense of materials used in RI.

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

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 3323 8333.

Your sincerely

**Geoff Mill, Principal**  
**Sunnybank Hills State School**

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Please complete, sign and return this form to the schooloffice or email it to [info@sunnybankhillsss.eq.edu.au](mailto:info@sunnybankhillsss.eq.edu.au)

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

### RELIGION – RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

From Year 1, your child may participate in religious instruction if it is available.

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.

Parents/carers may change these arrangements at any time by notifying the principal in writing.

Do you want your child to participate in religious instruction?

Yes       No

**If 'Yes', please nominate the religion:**

Christian Cooperative

Islamic

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.