



GRANTHAM STATE SCHOOL



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Religious instruction

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 student (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 is provided below.

Catholic Religious Instruction

Authorised program: Catholic Religious Instruction Program

Aims and goals: Education in religious matters and development of religious understanding

Lesson structure: 30 minutes per week

CEP Connect

Authorised program: Cooperative Faith Group

Aims and goals:

- To enable an understanding of the Christian faith and values in an age and developmentally appropriate manner.
- To experience skills in reading and understanding the Bible.
- To deepen and enrich the student's experience of the life and love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Lesson structure: 30 minutes per week

Corma Program

Authorised program: Celtic Corma Australia

Aims and goals: To provide religious instruction to participating students

Lesson structure: 30 minutes per week

Parents of students participating in these programs will be advised if a faith group requires funds to cover the expense of materials used in RI.

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 area already covered in class and may include:

- Health Education focussing on Personal, Social and Community Health
- Reading

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