

Religious Instruction Policy

Pimpama State School



Overview

Pimpama State School embraces a multitude of cultural, religious and non-religious beliefs and encourage students to grow and develop as a whole person, in particular, in beliefs, values and attitudes. Pimpama State School respects the background and beliefs of all students and staff by not promoting, or being perceived as promoting, any particular set of beliefs in preference to another.

Pimpama State School provide religious instruction in accordance with Chapter 5 of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* (EGPA) and Part 5 of the *Education (General Provisions) Regulations 2006* (EGPR) by making available half an hour per week for the provision of [religious instruction](#) to students (except Prep students) who are members of a [faith group](#) that has approval to deliver religious instruction at the school.

Religious Instruction

In accordance with s.27 EGPR, religious leaders approve the program of religious instruction to be used by their accredited representatives as religious instructors. The religious leaders are responsible for the quality of the religious instruction program that is to be delivered in schools and are required to screen their accredited representatives, provide them with ongoing support and training and ensure they are delivering only the [authorised program](#). The religious leader nominates a [religious instruction coordinator](#) to manage and monitor the religious instructors and the delivery of the authorised program in a school.

Religious instructors are required to maintain accreditation with their faith group, have a current and valid [Blue Card](#) and deliver only the authorised program of the faith group. As part of school-based induction, religious instructors are required to complete [Student Protection](#) and [Code of Conduct](#) training. The religious instructor is required to follow the advice and directives of the principal while on school premises.

All students (except Prep students) are offered half an hour per week of religious instruction. The Deputy Principal is responsible for co-ordinating the religious instruction timetable. Parents may withdraw their child from all religious instruction by notifying the principal in writing. Students who are exempt from religious instruction will continue learning the Curriculum during the allocated religion time.

Supporting Documents

Queensland Government Religious Instruction Policy

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/ri-policy-statement.html>