



Religious Instruction at McDowall State School

Queensland state schools provide Religious Instruction (R.I.) in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 and Education (General Provisions) Regulations 2006. Religious Instruction is not compulsory, nor is it provided to students in the Preparatory Year.

Consistent with legislation, any parent of a student enrolled in a state school may withdraw the student from R.I. by notifying the principal in writing. Withdrawal forms for this purpose are available at the school office. Our school database identifies those students who do not participate in R.I. as recorded on their initial student enrolment form. This information will carry over from year to year, unless the school has been otherwise notified. During the period allocated for R.I., students withdrawn from participating will complete appropriate revision work in a separate classroom/work space under teacher supervision.

The weekly, half-hour R.I. lesson is conducted by an approved instructor (i.e. approved representatives of various faith groups).

The religious instruction program currently provided by approved instructors of faith groups at McDowall State School:

1. Cooperative Arrangement

The program is delivered using commercially produced R.I. booklets (Christian Religious Education materials) - one book for each semester. Parents will be invoiced for the amount. The Cooperative Arrangement program involves various Christian Faith Groups e.g. Uniting Church, Baptist Church, Salvation Army, Acts Ministries International, Wesleyan Methodist Church and Presbyterian Church who have collaboratively agreed to teach R.I. at our school, using the commercially produced booklets.

Refer to: www.cepconnect.com.au (the group that produces the booklets).