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Catholic Religious Instruction

A brief guide to Religious Instruction at school



Religious Instruction in State Schools

What is Religious Instruction (RI)?

Religious Instruction (RI) is a voluntary program offered in Queensland state schools during school hours. It provides students with the opportunity to learn about faith, beliefs and values.

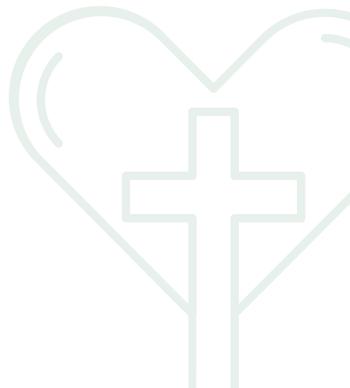
RI is not part of the school curriculum and students only participate if a parent or carer gives consent.

Lessons usually run for up to 30 minutes once a week and are delivered by trained volunteers from recognised faith communities.

What Families Need to Know

- Participation in RI is optional
- Written parent consent is required
- Students not attending RI are supervised by school staff
- RI instructors are trained and Blue Card accredited
- Some schools offer RI from more than one faith group

RI supports students' spiritual development, wellbeing and values education.





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RI Providers and Learning Experiences

Catholic Religious Instruction

Catholic Religious Instruction in state schools is carried out by dedicated volunteers from Catholic parishes across the Cairns Diocese.

Lessons include creative and hands-on activities that actively engage students and support them in developing a relationship with Jesus. Instruction is age-appropriate, respectful and designed to nurture each child's spiritual growth.

Catholic Religious Instructors are trained, use a variety of teaching methods and resources, and provide RI at no cost to parents.

Frequently Asked Questions

> **Is RI compulsory?**

No, students only attend with parent permission.

> **Is RI part of the curriculum?**

No, RI is separate from classroom learning.

> **Can parents change consent?**

Yes, consent can be updated at any time.

Want to Learn More?

- Contact your school office about RI options
- Visit catholic.cairns.org.au or multifaithsri.org.au for more resources



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