



Dear Parent and Caregivers

Re: Delivery of Religious Instruction Program

Religious Instruction is offered at Samford State School for students in Years 1 to 6. Lessons are held each Friday for 30 minutes and are provided by our Religious Instruction volunteers. Information regarding consent for your child's participation in this program is collected at the time of enrolment. To ensure we have the most up to date information we ask that you fill in the form below and return to the school.

If no information is received by the school your child will be allocated to Religious Instruction based on information provided by parents on the Student Enrolment form.

There are three options available to our students:

Option One - The non-denominational Combined Churches Program: A non-denominational religious instruction program run within departmental guidelines for co-operative agreements. The program is organised by local Christian church communities. Approved and trained instructors are accredited by these local churches. The lessons use the bible to explore where the students fit into school and community life and to reflect the place of religion in Australian society, with an emphasis on tolerance and compassion and celebrations such as Christmas and Easter.

Option Two – The Baha'i Program: With a focus on "...the unity of God, unity of the Messengers of God and the unity of humanity, students learn about the role they can play in bringing about peace. Students in this class study the spiritual laws common to all religions and learn about the basic human virtues (e.g. truthfulness, love, equality, unity, justice, honesty, obedience, prayerfulness, purposefulness and kindness), upon which these laws are based."

Option Three – Students not participating in either of the above programs will do classroom work independently under the supervision of a teacher.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to visit our website or contact the school.

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Please circle your option and return to the office

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Option Two: The Baha'i Program

Option Three: Classroom work under the supervision of a teacher

Family name:

Student: Class: Option: 1 2 3

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Parent Name:..... Parent signature..... Date: