Religious Instruction

Statement of intent

Legislation provides that within a specific time period approved instructors, who are religious leaders or accredited representatives of a faith group, are able to provide religious instruction to students to develop and support particular beliefs, values and attitudes. These provisions do not extend to students in preparatory year.

At Alexandra Hills State School a Non Denominational / Cooperative Religious Education Program is conducted by a team of lay people for one 30 minute session per fortnight. All children participate unless parents request otherwise.

Records are kept of the religious denominations, or otherwise, of every child enrolled at the school. It is expected that children will attend Religious Instruction classes once a fortnight. Where a parent wishes a withdrawal from instruction, such a request must be made in writing or indicate on the Religious Instruction Parent Notice Form.

Parents retain the right at all times to determine if their child is to be a participant of religious instruction.

All parents at enrolment, and on request, are required to complete a Parent Notice form. All students will participate in religious instruction unless written notice has been received requesting the withdrawal of the child/ren from the program. Parent Notice Forms are updated at the beginning of each year.

Parents

- Will need to provide written notice of consent to have child/ren participate religious instruction when they are not a member.
- May withdraw their child/ren from participating in religious instruction.
- Are advised that their consent will remain operational unless they issue a written notice of withdrawal for their child.
- Will be advised of alternative activities provided for students who do not participate in religious instruction by class teachers.

The school will:

- Inform parent/s who provide/s notice of a religion that their child will be placed into a religious instruction program.
- Retain record of all parent notifications.
- Allocate 30 minutes per fortnight for religious instruction or an amount of time that is equivalent at another time during the term and make it known to all coordinators of religious instruction programs.
- Monitor school activities offered to students not attending religious instruction so students who attend religious instruction do not experience educational disadvantage.
- Direct promptly to relevant coordinator all parental queries, concerns or complaints relating to religious instruction in a single or cooperative arrangement or its implementation.

Programs of Religious Instruction

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<th>Title of Program Delivered at School</th>
<th>Single (list faith group) or Cooperative (list all faith groups who are members of cooperative) Arrangement for Delivering Program</th>
<th>Name and Contact Details of Program’s Coordinator</th>
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<td>Non Denominational</td>
<td>Uniting, Baptists, Methodist, Assembly of God, Lutheran Other religious groups also assist the cooperative when available.</td>
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