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PARTICIPATION CONSENT FORM FOR RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Religious Instruction in Government schools is authorised by Section 23 of the Education Act (1958) and can be given only where accredited and approved instructors are available.

In general, Religious Instruction in schools is provided through the non-denominational Agreed Syllabus "Religion in Life" which was developed and is regularly reviewed by **The Council for Christian Education in Schools**. The Agreed Syllabus is delivered by instructors drawn from the Anglican, Catholic, Protestant and Pentecostal Churches, who are trained and accredited by the Council for Christian Education in Schools and approved by the Minister for Education.

The Agreed Syllabus "Religion in Life"

- complements other lesson themes
- builds on the Studies of Society and Environment and the Health and Physical Education key learning areas
- helps children explore their own lives for meaning and purpose
- introduces children to the religious life and ideas of their community
- gives some understanding of the stories, festivals, worship and symbols of the Christian faith in the community
- respects children's rights to hold their own opinion while giving a broader understanding of this major influence on contemporary Australian culture.

Religious Instruction may be provided separately for students in the Roman Catholic, Jewish, Islamic or other recognised faiths where accredited and approved instructors are provided by the relevant church.

Attendance at Religious Instruction classes is not compulsory for students whose parents request that they be excused from attending. Unless or until parents request that their children do not receive religious instruction, or that they receive a different form of Religious Instruction, students will receive Religious Instruction in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus.

PARENT CONSENT

Where accredited and approved instructors are available, do you wish your child to receive Religious Instruction according to:

The Agreed Syllabus "Religion in Life" **YES / NO** (please circle)

Name of Student:.....Grade:.....

Date.....Signature:.....

Parent/Guardian Name:(Please Print).....

Note: If no reply is received within 14 days your child will receive Religious Instruction in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus.