

Why choose RI?

According to a recent national survey by McCrindle Research, 99% of Australian parents think that it is important to teach values to Australian school students. 84% believe that Australia's Christian heritage has been influential in shaping those values. Many parents choose Christian RI for their children, even if they don't attend Church, in order to give their children the opportunity to question, explore and discover faith and Christian values for themselves as part of a holistic education.

Key benefits

A recent Australian study by Prof Zehavit Gross, UNESCO Chair in Education for Human Values, Tolerance and Peace, Bar-Ilan University Israel and Prof Emerita Suzanne Rutland OAM, University of Sydney has found that RI has key benefits including:

Offers important **psychological benefits** to students' mental health and wellbeing

Strengthens the multi-cultural fabric of Australian schools

Introduces an effective **values education** that empowers student decision making, fosters student action, and assigns real student responsibility

Creates **safe places** for students to explore deeper questions of faith and belief



Better Balanced Futures is the National Curriculum Group for the provision of RI in state schools. Better Balanced Futures is committed to better training and curriculum standards that will equip our children for a more certain future by teaching positive values that provide a solid foundation and balance.



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What is Religious Instruction (RI)?

RI is the time set aside in Years 1-12 in state schools where parents/carers can consent for their children to be educated in the faith of their choosing. Your child will only be placed in RI if you give your consent. It is good to know that RI from all of the major faith groups is generally available.

The Queensland Education General Provisions Act (2006) allows accredited representatives of recognised faith groups to make this contribution as part of a holistic approach to education.

RI is one way of promoting the spiritual development and wellbeing of young Australians.

RI lessons are usually conducted for up to 30 minutes on a weekly basis throughout the school year.



Who teaches RI?

Volunteer RI Instructors from local Christian Churches come together to offer "Christian RI". These denominations may amongst others include Anglican, Australian Christian Churches, Baptist, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Salvation Army and Uniting Churches.

What is taught in RI?

The providers of Christian RI are committed to best-practice RI teaching and RI curriculum.

Christian RI Instructors must follow curriculum that has been reviewed by the state school Principal, to ensure that it is age-appropriate and does not contravene legislation or department procedures.

In 2019 an initiative of Better Balanced Futures the new Multi-Faiths Peak Body for RI in Qld in consultation with the Department of Education will commence a comprehensive review of all RI curricula.

How do I choose?

When enrolling in your local school you are given the opportunity to nominate "Yes" to your child participating in RI. You may then nominate which RI you want your child placed in.

Please note that not all options for RI are available at every school. Check with your Principal to see what the choices are at your school to ensure that your child is placed in the option of your choosing.

Year 1 is the first level when RI can be offered to your child. If you would like your child to participate in Christian RI then please complete, sign and return the enclosed RI Consent Form to your local school.

Need more info?

Please speak with your local school Principal or ask to be put in touch with your RI Coordinator. Please ask your school for a copy of the RI curriculum documents so that you can check them out for yourself.

Otherwise contact info@christianri.com.au for more information.

