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.

Many parents choose RI for their children in order to give them the opportunity to question, explore and discover faith and values for themselves as part of a holistic education.

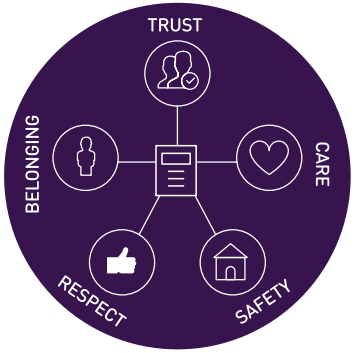
Key benefits

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 encourages student responsibility



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

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Need more info?

More information about the RI program available at your school can be found on your school website.

Otherwise contact info@multifaithsri.org.au for more information.

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Information for families

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. RI is provided by major faith groups in many schools across Queensland. To find out what is available at your school please refer to the school website.

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 provides RI?

All RI Instructors are accredited by their faith group and approved by the local school Principal.

What is taught in RI?

RI instructors use program resource materials which undergo reviews by independent third party curriculum experts, to ensure they are age-appropriate and meet relevant government legislation and Department of Education policies.

The providers of RI are committed to delivering best practice religious instruction and using high quality program resource materials.

How do I select RI?

RI is offered from Year 1 onwards and you can choose RI:

- **When enrolling** in your local school by nominating "Yes" on the enrolment form for your child to participate. You can then nominate which RI you want your child placed in, if it is available at the school.*
- **Any time via a written instruction** to your school Principal.

*** See your school's website under the co-curricular or extra-curricular tab for the RI options available at your school to ensure that your child is placed in the option of your choosing.**