

Rationale

In line with Department of Education and Training (DET) policy religious education is to be provided to students if accredited and approved instructors are available.

Purpose

- To provide quality religious education classes for students whose parents request them.

Guidelines

- Religious Education at Bellbrae Primary School will be based on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website (D.E.E.C.D)
Special religious instruction and general religious education (see attachment)
www.education.vic.gov.au
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3.22 Special religious instruction and general religious education
- If parents request Religious Education in a particular faith and it is not provided at the school, the principal should advise the parents that religious education can only be provided where the particular religious group provides an accredited instructor who is approved by the Secretary of D.E.E.C.D
- The principal should make provision for religious education to be scheduled on the school timetable (30 mins per week) where an accredited and approved instructor is available.
- All potential instructors must provide to the principal documentation indicating that they are accredited by their respective religious body and approved by D.E.E.C.D. Appropriately accredited and approved Religious Education instructors will need to provide proof of accreditation.
- A qualified teacher is normally required to remain in the classroom with the instructor.
- The principal will ensure that parent consent or refusal to allow a child to take part in religious education has been obtained.
- Attendance at religious education classes is not compulsory for students whose parents request that they be excused.

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Purpose

To provide Religious Education for the students when and if accredited instructors are available.

Implementation

1. All classes will be timetable for thirty minutes of Religious Education (RE) each week if an accredited instructor is available.
2. Religion In Life (RIL) is the agreed syllabus in Victoria. It is Christian based but non-denominational.
3. Children attending these lessons should not be grouped according to their denominations but should be grouped in their normal classes.
4. A qualified teacher is normally required to remain in the classroom with the instructor, however, where a principal is satisfied that a particular instructor is able to fulfil the required duty of care, the principal may agree that the teacher is not required to remain in the class continually. Such decisions must be regularly reviewed.
5. The principal will ensure that parent consent or refusal to allow a child to take part in religious education is obtained. Parents can request information about the content of the program through the school office. Consent form and money must be returned prior to taking part in religious education.
6. Attendance at religious education classes is not compulsory for students whose parents request that they be excused, in which case, alternative supervisory arrangements for these students will be made.

Evaluation

- This will be reviewed and evaluated as part of the school's three year review cycle.