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Religious Instruction at Northgate State School

Northgate State School's Religious Instruction Program is run entirely by volunteers. These volunteers are:

- authorised to conduct lessons by the Ministers from their respective churches
- Approved to work in classrooms by the Principal and have their Working with Children Blue Card.
- Managed by a local coordinator.
- Offered training to assist the implementation of the program.

The Religious Instruction Program offered at Northgate State School is a cooperative program best described as Christian Religious Education. We do not offer single faith group instruction. Northgate State School utilises the Religion in Life Program. Details of the program are as follows:

Religion In Life® and religious education

The form of religious education that is expressed in *Religion In Life*® is best described as **Christian religious education**. The content of *Religion In Life*® is drawn from the Christian faith and presented from a Christian perspective. However, *Religion In Life*® does not attempt systematic instruction in the Christian faith, nor does it presume a particular faith stance in the students. In keeping with educational principles and the setting in which it is taught, the students' experience, interests and capacities control the selection of content, and there is a preference for those procedures that allow students to explore and discern for themselves what is relevant to them. The term **Christian religious education**, therefore, is an attempt to describe adequately both the religious and educational elements of the approach to religious education expressed in *Religion In Life*®.

The *Religion In Life*® curriculum introduces students to **key beliefs, values and literature of the Christian faith** so as to provide a growing understanding of a major influence on our contemporary society, as well as a possible source of ethical standards in a fast-changing and often confusing world. Such studies will commend the Christian faith. They also provide a foundation from which to examine other major religious traditions increasingly represented in our multi-cultural society.

Source: <http://www.cces.org.au/ril.htm>

We strongly encourage the participation of all students in these lessons. Appropriate paperwork must be completed upon enrolment to participate or withdraw from the Religious Instruction program offered at our school.

For more information please go to www.cces.org.au or contact our school office.

Regards

Andrew Duncan
Principal