Dear Parents,

**RE: RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

Special religious instruction in Government schools is authorised under section 2.2.11 of the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 and can be given only where accredited and approved religious instructors are available.

The Religious Instruction Program 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 Director of Schools. A teacher remains present during RE classes.

The Agreed Syllabus “Religion in Life”
- Complements other lesson themes
- 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.

Attendance at Religious Instruction classes is **not compulsory** for students whose parents request that they be excused from attending.

If you want your child to participate in the program, it is essential that you complete and return the slip below. Students who do not participate in the program will undertake class work in a different place within their unit.

Religious Instruction for the year will cost $8.00 per child. This covers the cost of materials used throughout the year. If you wish your child to participate in Religious Instruction lessons, please send $8.00, together with the slip below to your child’s teacher by Wednesday 26th February 2014.

Yours sincerely,

Lynda Baker
RE Coordinator

Paul Poliviou
Assistant Principal

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**RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION PROGRAM - 2014**

*(Please complete and return with payment by Wednesday 26th February 2014)*

My child ___________________________ of class ____________ will be participating in the Religious Instruction Program in 2014.

Please find enclosed $8.00 to cover the cost of materials used throughout the year.

Method of payment:  
☐ Cash / Cheque  
☐ EMA  
☐ Bulk Payment

Parent / Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________