Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

Aspley East School offers half hour religion lesson per week. It is a non-denominational program, run by volunteer instructors with consultation with the some of the Christian churches in the area.

RI (Religion Instruction) is not compulsory, nor is it provided to students in the Preparatory Year (Prep). Consistent with legislation, any parent of a student enrolled at a state school may withdraw the student from RI by notifying the Principal in writing.

Students who are not participating in religious instruction must be provided with other instruction in a separate location during the period arranged for religious instruction (s.31 Education *General Provisions* Regulations 2006). The other instruction (previously referred to as 'alternative activity') must relate to part of a subject area that has already been covered in the student’s class and may include, but is not limited to, personal research and/or assignments, revision of class work such as creative writing or literacy and/or numeracy activities which could include online programs currently accessed by the students of that school, and wider reading such as independent reading appropriate for the student.

**Information about the Program**

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A permission form is required to be signed by parents prior to students attending Religious Instruction classes. Forms are available from the school website and are at the bottom of this letter. Accordingly, any child without a signed permission will be placed in another classroom, during the religious instruction lesson. Further information is available from [www.aspleastss.eq.edu.au](http://www.aspleastss.eq.edu.au) and [http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/ri-policy-statement.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-operations/ri-policy-statement.html). Classes in the upper school also use “The Big Rescue Bible” (contemporary English version), published by the Bible Society. These bibles are kept in the classrooms and are not issued to students to keep. A copy is available for preview in the Principal’s office. This book is available to purchase from our Q Store.

Where parents have not nominated any religion for a child on the enrolment form, he/she will not be allocated to participate in religious instruction during class time.
**Privacy Notice**
The Department of Education and Training is collecting this information in accordance with Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2006 (Qld) Part 5 to determine student participation in a religious instruction program. The information will only be accessed by authorised employees within the department. Your information will be stored securely and will not be used or disclosed without your consent except as required or authorised by law.

Religious Instruction (religion not nominated at enrolment or program not provided for religion nominated)

Andrew Duncan
Principal

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**ONLY RETURN THIS FORM IF YOUR CHILD IS TO BE INVOLVED IN A RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION PROGRAM.**

**Student Name:**   **Year:**

Although I have not stated the religion of my child, I wish my child to attend the religious instruction program offered at Aspley East State School

Signature of Parent: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Please read the information below about the book required for lessons.

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**ONLY RETURN THIS FORM IF YOUR CHILD IS NOT TO BE INVOLVED IN A RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION PROGRAM.**

**Student Name:**   **Year:**

I do not wish my child to attend the RI program provided at Aspley East State School.

Signature of Parent: _______________________ Date: ___________