



## PERMISSION FORM FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parents

Religious Instruction in Government schools is authorised by Section 23 of the Education Act (1958). Glendal Primary School has a Christian Religious Education (CRE) program entitled "Religion in Life" for all students in grades Prep to 6 and also offers Baha'i Education.

Religion in Life:-

- Complements other lesson themes.
- Builds on the studies of Society and Environment and the Health and Physical Education key learning areas.
- 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 right to hold their own opinion while giving a broader understanding of this major influence on contemporary Australian culture "Religion in Life" has developed and is regularly reviewed by the Council for Christian Education in Schools (CCES). The syllabus is non-denominational.

Volunteers who are trained and accredited by the CCES teach weekly lessons of 30 minutes duration. This accreditation includes a Police Record Check and approval by the Minister for Education. If you have any enquiries please contact the school.

Baha'i Education has three focuses. One, to develop a love and understanding of God. Two, to develop a tolerance and appreciation of people from all over the world by studying different religions. Three, to promote positive behaviour and confidence building in students through the use of the Virtues Program.

The Baha'i Education Curriculum and Baha'i Teachers are fully accredited by the Victorian State Government. If you have any queries please call Sue Day on 59 68 1836, the Baha'i Education Coordinator for Victoria or Mrs Anisa Cumberbatch on 9560 2637.

Parents are requested to complete the form below to indicate participation or non participation.

Deborah Grossek

Principal

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PLEASE SELECT ONE ONLY

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| • the Agreed Syllabus "Religion in Life" | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| • Baha'i Education                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |

Student Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed ..... Date.....

Name of Parent/Guardian .....

**Note: If no reply is received your child will receive Religious Instruction in accordance with the Agreed Syllabus.**