



## Participation in Religious Education and Chapel Services

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| <b>Policy Aim:</b>                 | To clarify the College's position regarding the expectations for attendance and participation in the religious life of the College.   |
| <b>Scope and Responsibilities:</b> | <p>While acknowledging that this affects all members of our College community, it is particularly pertinent to specific staff in Senior Leadership, the Registrars, Chaplains and those responsible for the teaching of the Religious Education program.</p> <p>It is also important to acknowledge the reciprocal responsibilities in relation to participation in Chapel Services and Religious Education, where all families have a right to make an informed choice and subsequent responsibility to support the College's programs upon acceptance of the conditions of enrolment.</p> <p>The aim of this document is to identify the key stakeholders and provide clear and transparent information outlining the College's position and expectations.</p>  |
| <b>Board Approval:</b>             | <i>Required</i>   |
| <b>Background information:</b>     | <p>In our multi-cultural society, the college has increasing enrolments of students from a diversity of faith traditions, practising various levels of engagement within their own faith communities. A further acknowledgment of a broad range of Christian denominations within the College also highlights the plurality that exists.</p> <p>Religious Education and Chapel Services are considered an integral component of education at Moreton Bay College regardless of the individual faith of the student.</p> <p>The College needs to have a clear policy with transparent guidelines to inform all stakeholders of the College's expectations with respect to attendance and participation in Religious Education Classes and Chapel Services.</p> <p>Moreton Bay College is mindful of the pluralist nature of our society, is respectful of the diversity of religious belief and expression that exists within God's good creation, and seeks to educate in such a way as to promote harmony and dialogue in relation to different religious and cultural traditions.</p> |
| <b>Policy:</b>                     | <b>All students from Prep through to Year 12 are expected to participate in Religious Education classes and Chapel services to explore the Christian understanding of God, themselves and the world.</b>  |
| <b>Definitions:</b>                |   |

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**Related Documentation:**

Links to:

- Basis of Union

<http://www.uca.org.au/basisofunion.htm>

- National Assembly: Education Charter

<https://assembly.uca.org.au/education/resources/item/718-national-education-charter-2002>

- National Assembly: Interfaith Council

<http://www.assembly.uca.org.au/rof/interfaith-dialogue>

**Legislation Applicable:**

*Anti-discrimination policies etc...*

[https://www.adcq.qld.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/5770/Fact-sheet-discrimination-and-religious-schools.pdf](https://www.adcq.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/5770/Fact-sheet-discrimination-and-religious-schools.pdf)

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