

Each generation will announce to the next Your wonderful and powerful deeds - Psalm 145:4

## The TRCRIN was formed in the local region with the following vision in mind:

- To have quality Christian RI in every state primary school in the region, every week
- To support CRI coordinators, instructors and assistants with the necessary resources, information and support, and provide quality training and networking
- To lift the profile of Christian RI through promotion
- To lift the 'consented-in' rate of students into RI.
- To encourage attendance at professional development opportunities

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Help us to support Christian RI in our region

#### **Banking Details for Christian RI Donations**

BSB:124-001 Bank of Queensland

Acct Name: Toowoomba Ministers' Association

Acct #: 23396682 (Please use CRI in the reference)

### **Supporting networks**

The Alliance of Christian Religious Education (ACRE) - is the Christian representative group in the Multi-Faith RI Peak body in Queensland and a support for Christian RI across the state.

The Queensland Christian Religious Instruction Network (QCRIN) - is the grass roots network established to connect providers of CRI across Queensland

The Christian Religious Instruction
Network (CRIN) - is a non-profit, nondenominational Christian Religious
Instruction Network based in Ipswich
and a supporting partner of the
Toowoomba Regional CRI Network.





### **Toowoomba Regional Christian RI Network**

exists to support the many committed
Christians working together ecumenically to
share the Good News of Jesus Christ to the
next generation through Christian Religious
Instruction in our local State Schools.

## Statistics of Christian RI in the Toowoomba Region in 2024:

- Currently providing Christian RI in 37 out of approximately 43 State Schools in our region
- Over 100 RI volunteers involved in Christian RI in the region (which covers Toowoomba Regional Council local government area, plus some)
- Approximately 150 individual Christian RI classes—the majority having RI every week or fortnight
- Estimated coverage of over 3,000 children in our region being informed about the 'the basic beliefs of the Christian faith from a nondenominational perspective' every year
- Over 12 different church denominations represented by Christian RI instructors in our region
- Christian RI instructors (and assistants)
   come from an estimated 60 different church
   congregations/communities in our region
- Annual training days for Christian RI volunteers provided locally
- Two accredited training providers locally for Christian RI Foundations Training Modules

# Who Provides Christian RI in Queensland schools?

### Volunteer RI Instructors from local Christian Churches come together to offer 'Christian RI'.

These denominations may amongst others include Anglican, Australian Christian Churches, Baptist, Catholic, Churches of Christ, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Salvation Army and Uniting Churches.

#### The Religious Leaders are responsible for RI-

In the Toowoomba Region, the TRCRIN assists in establishing a Christian RI cooperative, that includes representatives of all the main Christian denominations within our region.

### **The Christian RI Program**

The providers of Christian RI are committed to bestpractice RI instruction and program resource materials.

Christian RI instructors follow program resource materials which are regularly reviewed to ensure they are age-appropriate and in step with relevant government legislation and Department of Education policies.

The independent Multi-Faiths RI Peak Body in Queensland undertakes a comprehensive review of RI program resource materials in consultation with the Department of Education. The aim is to ensure that every child and young person in Years 1-12 in Queensland state schools is given the opportunity to question and explore faith, values, and their cultural expression, in a safe and supportive environment.

### **Why Christian RI?**

According to a recent national survey by McCrindle Research, 99% of Australian parents think that it is important to teach values to Australian school students. 84% believe that Australia's Christian heritage has been influential in shaping those values.

Many parents choose Christian RI for their children, even if they don't regularly attend Church, in order to give their children the opportunity to question, explore and discover faith and Christian values for themselves as part of a holistic education.

Christian RI provides a safe environment for children to develop a positive self-image, identity and resilience. It gives young people an opportunity to form their understanding of the morals and values from the teachings of Jesus.



Information in this brochure about CRI and images courtesy of the Alliance of Christian Religious Education and the Oueensland Christian RI Network