BASIC BELIEF

Religious Education assists students to search for spiritual meaning and encourages consideration of issues such as friendship, self-esteem, identity, choices and guidelines. It helps students to develop an appreciation of other people and their beliefs. Religious Education develops understandings of the stories, festivals, worship and symbols of the Christian faith in the community.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The Religious Education program at Mansfield Primary School will introduce children to religion in a practical and relevant way, which is related to their own life experiences, environment and community.
- The program will follow the agreed P-6 “Religion in life” syllabus.
- The program is presented as part of the school curriculum and supports VELS strands.
- Trained and accredited “Council for Christian Education in schools” volunteers will deliver the program. These volunteers are approved by the Minister for Education, which includes a Police Check.
- Parents have the right to withdraw their child/children from the program. This must be indicated in writing. An alternative program will be provided for children not attending the Religious Education program.
- The program will be provided with a budget and accessible resources.

This policy was ratified by the Mansfield Primary School Council on – 19/11/2012

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