



WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION – 2021 CURRICULUM OUTLINE

The current Wavell State High School Religious Instruction curriculum was first initiated by our local Minister’s Fraternal back in the early 2000’s which included a consultation and collaboration with the Wavell State High School Administration and following local churches:

- City North Baptist Church (formally Gordon Park Baptist Church)
- North East Baptist Church (formally Wavell Heights and Nundah Baptist Churches)
- Brisbane North Church of Christ
- Wavell Presbyterian Church
- Wavell Uniting Church

Over the years, while the media stimulus and date relevant content may have changed, the objectives of the lessons has not, and are outlined in the table below:

YEAR 7

LESSON TITLE	OBJECTIVE
Lesson 1: I AM?	This lesson aims to introduce the RI Teachers to the students and the students to the RI Teachers by working through handout. It also seeks to front load students on what we will be looking at over the full year program
Lesson 2: GOD IS?	This lesson aims to explore the student’s concept and ideas of who they think God is, whether negative or positive, and provides space for discussion of the many interpretations of God while giving a platform to highlight one interpretation of God as a loving and caring “Father” by the retelling of a modernised version of ‘The Prodigal Son’.
Lesson 3: WE ARE?	This lesson helps students consider the idea that compared to all other living creatures, humanity has been set apart with a unique array of abilities, gifts, and reasoning that isn’t shared with any other created being.
Lesson 4: THE WEMMICKS	To raise awareness of God’s view of humans and their incredible worth to Him, instead of aligning our worth with what others may think or believe about us.
Lesson 5: THE PROBLEM?	To introduce the students to the concept of ‘sin’ (rebellion)
Lesson 6: THE SOLUTION?	For the students to consider the significance of Jesus and get an understanding of how He can be the solution to our problem

YEAR 8

LESSON TITLE	CONTENT/OBJECTIVE
Lesson 1: PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS #1	Giving opportunity for students to consider what is necessary for them to be truly happy
Lesson 2: PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS #2	Taking lesson one a little further and exploring the realities between “temporary highs” and “lasting happiness”
Lesson 3: PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS #3	To present the concept that a connection with God can be a foundation of lasting happiness
Lesson 4: WHAT IS LOVE? #1	To highlight “Hollywood Love” & to contrast it with what is actually real
Lesson 5: WHAT IS LOVE? #2	To encourage students to start thinking and become aware of the practicalities of looking at love more than what Hollywood or popular media tells us.
Lesson 6: WHAT IS LOVE? #3	To showcase that love is more than just a feeling, it is a choice and it’s often a choice that means sacrifice, and highlight how Christians see that sacrificial love in Jesus

Religious Instruction at Wavell State High is offered as part of the Wavell Development Program (WDP). This lesson happens directly after Assembly on a Friday morning and is 30 minutes in length. Across the calendar year, classes can have up to six (6) RI lessons, all remaining lessons sees classes rotating through other content that is specific to our Wavell Development Program and is facilitated by classroom teachers.

Participation in RI is not compulsory and students are allocated to RI based on the information provided by parents/caregivers on the completed Application for Student Enrolment unless other written instructions have been provided to the school.

Students who have opted out of the RI program will participate in Other Instruction (OI) and this is conducted at the same time as RI lesson in a separate supervised location and subject matter is content already covered in student's classroom work.