



Punchbowl Boys' High School

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April 20th, 2021

Voluntary Student Activities of a Religious Nature in Schools

Dear Parent/Carer,

A number of students at Punchbowl Boys' High School voluntarily participate in prayer groups. These groups meet during lunch breaks and are supervised by Punchbowl Boys' High School staff. In accordance with Department of Education policy, visiting group leaders undergo all appropriate child protection checks and practices and the content of the activities is regularly monitored.

Following are details of the voluntary groups of a religious nature, which operate at Punchbowl Boys' High School:

- Muslim Prayer group meets during lunchtime on Monday to Thursday. This group is supervised by Punchbowl Boys' High School staff
- Muslim Friday Prayers group meets during lunchtime on Friday. This group is supervised by Punchbowl Boys' High School staff

The Department of Education's *Religious Education Implementation Procedures (2015)* requires parental permission for students who participate in voluntary student activities of a religious nature in schools, including prayer groups. The procedures can be accessed through the following link:

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum/schools/spec_religious/implementation

Before participating in these activities, a student must complete the tear-off permission slip below, signed by a parent or carer, and return to the front office. The school will maintain a list of all students from whom a permission note has been received. Permission will remain effective unless a letter of withdrawal is received from the student's parent or carer.

Should you have any enquiries in relation to this letter, please contact Mr Robert Patruno, (Acting) Principal, at school on 9708 6122.

Please complete the permission slip and return to the school by **April 23rd, 2021**

Yours sincerely,

Robert Patruno
(Acting)Principal

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Voluntary Religious Activity Group Parent/Carer Permission

Student's Name: _____ **Year:** _____

I have read the information about the religious activity groups which operate at Punchbowl Boys' High School. I understand these activities operate under the auspices and supervision of the Principal. I give permission for my child to participate in: *(please tick the groups you wish your child to participate in):*

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| Muslim prayer group meets during lunchtime on Monday to Thursday. This group is supervised by Punchbowl Boys' High School staff. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Muslim Friday Prayers group meets every Friday during lunchtime. This group is supervised by Punchbowl Boys' High School staff. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I understand this consent will remain effective unless a letter of withdrawal is provided by me to the school.

Parent/Carer's Name: _____ Parent/Carer signature: _____ Date: _____

