

POLICY ON RELIGION

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1. POLICY STATEMENT

This policy is based on the National Policy on Religion and Education of 2003. The spirit of the policy is to embrace the religious diversity of South Africa.

- Royal Schools does not discriminate between religious denominations, but the schools are managed based on Christian values
- Learners of any denomination are welcome to enrol at a Royal School
- Devotions are held for high school learners on a Monday morning
- Devotions are held for primary school learners on a Friday morning
- Devotion is conducted by an educator or visiting pastor or priest from various religious denominations
- Parents may request that learners do not attend devotions (such request should be in writing to the principal of the school)
- No political or religious propaganda is allowed on the school premises
- Respect should be shown by all learners and staff during devotion
- Learners and staff members should show respect to all religious denominations

2. GUIDING PRINCIPALS OF POLICY

The school policy on religion is underpinned by:

- The freedom of all individuals in the school to religious choice
- The right of all individuals to practise their own religion and to be free of coercion to join any religion
- A belief in the broad religious, moral and ethical standards and principles espoused by Christian traditions
- Tolerance towards, and acceptance of all religions

3. RELIGION EDUCATION

- Religion education will take place in accordance with the National Policy in Religion Education. This education forms part of the learning area of Life Orientation.
- No educator will be forced to provide religion education if he/ she has a conscientious scruple against the content of the curriculum

4. AMENDMENTS TO POLICY

The School reserves its right to deviate from this policy if it deems it necessary or appropriate and to amend this policy from time to time in accordance with any changed policy considerations of the School or legal developments