

# LAERSKOOL JEFFREYSBAAI JEFFREYS BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

All major Religions are recognized in the South African law (No. 108 of 1996) as well as in Article 7 of the South African Education Law, No. 84 of 1996. These laws protect the individual against any form of discrimination on grounds of their religion.

### **AIM:**

Due to the Democratic nature of our Government, written into our constitution are the promotion, protection and respect for all of the various religions.

### **VISION:**

It is entrenched into the Curriculum and Law, that Teachers, Learners and parents will accord each Religion the respect deemed necessary, without the institution favouring one specific Religious order.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION POLICY:**

1. All religions are acknowledged and our policy is one of inclusion.
2. All denominations will be represented at the various School meetings and Assemblies.
3. No indoctrination of a specific religious belief will be allowed and encouraged.
4. Allowance will be made for religious holidays and the observance of the various religious days for all denominations and religions.
5. The opening and closure of the school at the beginning of each year and term will be marked by an acceptable religious assembly, which will make allowance for all religious groups.
6. Teachers will acknowledge God in the form of prayer at the beginning of each school day.
7. Various faiths will be requested on a rotational basis to deliver an interdenominational message to the learners at weekly assemblies.

Plan of Action implemented to encourage and foster mutual respect and acceptance of various religions within Jeffreys Bay Primary School:

- 1. Non-discrimination of various religions will be encouraged in Life Skills Curriculum.
- 2. Understanding of the differences within the various religions, tolerance and acceptance is encouraged and entrenched into the school Curriculum.
- 3. Weekly assemblies are held where the emphasis is on mutual respect and tolerance.
- 4. Various denominational leaders will be given the opportunity to present an opening at weekly formal assemblies.
- 5. All religious days / Holy days and various Religious observances in the various religions are given equal notice and understanding.
- 6. Mutual respect and tolerance is fundamental to the Ethos of the Religious Education and Spiritual Development of the Jeffreys Bay Primary School Community.

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