

# HOMEBUSH BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

## **VOLUNTARY STUDENT ACTIVITIES OF A RELIGIOUS NATURE IN SCHOOLS**

A number of students at Homebush Boys High School voluntarily participate in prayer groups. These groups meet weekly during lunch breaks and are supervised by Homebush 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 Homebush Boys High School:

- ⇒ “The Edge” Christian group meet once a week. This group is supervised by Homebush Boys High School staff;
- ⇒ Muslim Prayer group meet every day during lunchtime. This group is supervised by Homebush 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\\_1\\_PD20020074.shtml?level=](https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/curriculum/schools/spec_religious/implementation_1_PD20020074.shtml?level=)

Before participating in these activities, a student must complete the tear-off permission slip below, signed by a parent/carers, 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/carers.

Should you have any queries in relation to this letter, please contact Mr Elgood, Principal, on (02) 9764 3611.

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### VOLUNTARY RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY GROUP

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the information about the religious activity groups which operate at Homebush Boys High School. I understand these activities operate under the auspices and supervision of the principal. I have permission for my child to participate in:

- “The Edge” Christian group meet every Friday during lunchtime. This group is supervised by Staff.
- Muslim Prayer group meet every day during lunchtime. This group is supervised by Staff.

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

Parent / Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_