

- (g) perform any other prescribed function assigned by the chief executive officer.
- (2) The functions set out in subsection (1) have effect subject to —
  - (a) this Act; and
  - (b) the instructions of the chief executive officer; and
  - (c) the direction and control of the principal.

**65. Assigned function etc. not to be inconsistent with industrial arrangements**

Nothing in section 63(1)(i) or 64(1)(g) or section 64(2)(b) or (c) enables the chief executive officer or a principal to assign a function or give an instruction or direction that is inconsistent with a term or condition of service referred to in section 236(3).

**Division 3 — Educational instruction**

**66. Terms used**

In this Division —

***general religious education*** means education about the major forms of religious thought and expression characteristic of Australian society and other societies in the world;

***special religious education*** means education provided by churches and other religious groups and based on distinctive religious tenets and beliefs.

**67. Curriculum, determination of**

The curriculum in a government school is to be determined by the chief executive officer, but any determination is to be made in accordance with the requirements of the *School Curriculum and Standards Authority Act 1997*.

*[Section 67 amended: No. 37 of 2011 s. 58(3).]*

**68. Curriculum not to promote certain matters**

- (1) The curriculum and teaching in government schools is not to promote —
  - (a) any particular religious practice, denomination or sect; or
  - (b) any particular political party; or
  - (c) any commercial goods, product or service; or
  - (d) the case of a party to an industrial dispute.
- (2) Subsection (1)(a) is not to be read as preventing —
  - (a) the inclusion of general religious education in the curriculum of a school; or
  - (b) prayers, songs and other material based on religious, spiritual or moral values being used in a school activity as part of general religious education.

**69. Special religious education, provision of**

- (1) Special religious education may be provided to students in government schools in accordance with provisions made by the regulations.
- (2) Subject to the regulations, the principal of a government school may allow time for the special religious education of students in the school, but the total number of hours so allowed in a school year is not to exceed 40.
- (3) Provision made by the regulations for the purposes of this section may authorise the chief executive officer to approve persons as being authorised to give special religious education in government schools.

**70. Prayers etc., principal to consult school Council about**

If a school has a Council the principal is to consult the Council on —

- (a) a general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and material referred to in section 68(2)(b); and

(b) the implementation of section 69(2).

**71. Special religious instruction etc., parent may withdraw child from**

- (1) A parent of a child at a government school may notify the principal in writing that the child is not to —
  - (a) receive any special religious education; or
  - (b) attend that part of a school activity at which material referred to in section 68(2)(b) is used.
- (2) A principal to whom such a notice is given must take all reasonable steps to see that the parent's wishes are complied with.

**72. Conscientious objection to subject, principal may exempt child from classes on**

- (1) A parent of a child at a government school may in writing request the principal to grant an exemption for the child from attendance at classes at which a particular part of a course of study is taught.
- (2) Where such a request is made the principal may grant an exemption in terms of subsection (1) if the principal is satisfied that the request —
  - (a) is made on the grounds of conscientious objection; and
  - (b) satisfies any requirements contained in the CEO's Instructions under section 233 in respect of the granting of exemptions under this section.
- (3) An exemption under this section —
  - (a) may be granted subject to conditions; and
  - (b) may be revoked if any condition is not observed.