

DOSCEL CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSE

The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) offers the Certificate of Religious Education Course to all teachers working in a Catholic School within the Sale Diocese.

The DOSCEL Certificate of Religious Education Course consists of 8 units, with one unit offered each term over a 2-year period. Units can be completed in any order.

On completion of all 8 units, teachers can apply for [Level 2 Accreditation to Teach Religious Education or Lead in a Catholic School](#).

Teachers working towards **gaining Level 1 Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School** or **maintaining Level 1 or Level 2 accreditation** are welcome to register and attend the units. Each unit will provide 5 hours towards accreditation hours.

Those working towards gaining Level 2 Accreditation are required to firstly enrol in the course via the Online Professional Learning (OPL) program. Once enrolled, participants can then register for each unit via OPL. Participants are required to attend and engage in the learning on the day, and complete an assessment task.

Those working towards gaining Level 1 Accreditation, or who are maintaining Level 1 or Level 2 Accreditation, are required to register for each unit in OPL. Participants are required to attend and engage in the learning on the day.

All sessions run from 9.30am to 3.00pm. Each unit is offered on four different days per term, i.e. a choice of three days in Warragul and one day in Sale. Participants need only attend one day. Morning tea and lunch are provided. Please note that the units are not offered online.

UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

Unit 1: Religious Education and the Catholic School

This unit provides teachers with an opportunity to better understand the foundations to Religious Education in the Catholic school. Participants will reflect upon their place in Catholic education and explore the knowledge and skills essential to enhance the Catholic identity of their school. Particular attention will be given to the content of the Religious Education Curriculum of the Diocese of Sale, *To Live in Christ Jesus*, and how to plan an inquiry in Religious Education.

Unit 2: Catholic Identity

This unit provides teachers with a better understanding of what is unique and particular about the identity of the Catholic school and why it is important to enhance and develop it. Teachers will develop a deeper understanding of Recontextualisation, Dialogue, Post Critical Belief and the importance of data in relation to Catholic identity.



Unit 3: Scripture

This unit provides teachers with a foundational understanding of Scripture, both Old and New Testaments. Teachers will learn that the study of Scripture is not merely an academic exercise but the inspirational Holy Word of God which nurtures and is fundamental to Christian liturgical, prayer and spiritual life.

Unit 4: Christian Prayer

This unit provides teachers with an understanding that prayer is a gift from God which invites a prayerful response. Catholics turn to God in order to encounter the divine mystery and deepen their relationship. Teachers will learn that the different ways of praying reflect the varied circumstance and dimensions of a relationship with God. Teachers will be provided with information about prayer in the Catholic tradition and some examples of different ways of praying ranging from the public prayer of the Church, the Mass, through to art and private meditation, all of which provide moments of praise, thanksgiving, petition, sorrow, blessing, adoration, and intercession.

Unit 5: Sacraments

This unit provides teachers with an understanding of the relationship between Christ and the seven Sacraments of the Catholic Church. It explores sacramentality and the Sacraments as effective signs of Christ's saving presence.

Unit 6: Church

This unit provides teachers with a broad understanding of the nature of the Catholic Church and its history. It places emphasis on the relationship of the Church with the world and the mutual shaping of each across time. Teachers will also understand more fully the history of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Unit 7: Triune God

This unit deepens teacher understanding and appreciation of Triune God (God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit), Images of God, Jesus Christ (human and divine) and Revelation and Tradition.

Unit 8: Catholic Social Teaching

This unit deepens teacher understanding and appreciation of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly its basic principles and the lived reality of this teaching both locally and globally.

For further information, please contact accreditation@doscel.catholic.edu.au.

