

Overview

Catholic Education Melbourne offers Sponsored Study support for teachers and leaders pursuing further studies in Theology or Religious Education.

There is a range of courses suitable for support at the following institutions:

[Australian Catholic University](#) (ACU)

University of Divinity colleges - [Catholic Theological College](#) (CTC) and [Yarra Theological Union](#) (YTU).

These courses are:

- Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation (CTC)
- Bachelor of Theology (CTC/YTU)
- Master of Religious Education (ACU)
- Master of Professional Studies in Theology (ACU)
- Master of Theology – Coursework (YTU/CTC)
- Master of Education and Theology (YTU/CTC)
- Master of Theological Studies (YTU/CTC)

Applicants must research the relevant institution's website for course details, admission requirements, unit timetables, course duration and structure.

Who should undertake further studies?

Further studies in Theology or Religious Education are ideal for:

- Religious Education leaders/coordinators
- Teachers with capability and interest in leadership roles in Catholic education.

Sponsorship duration

Sponsored Study support for further study is for three years (2022–24), subject to funding availability.

Eligibility

All applicants must:

- satisfy the course admission requirements for their intended course and institution
- follow enrolment procedures, policies and regulations of the chosen university
- contact each institution or check its website to confirm the above requirements.

In addition, Sponsored Study applicants must meet the following criteria:

- applicants must be currently employed on a permanent basis as a teacher in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Melbourne (teachers employed part-time, no less than 0.6 FTE, are eligible to apply for course costs)
- applicants must be a permanent resident of Australia or hold Australian citizenship
- applicants must be [accredited to teach Religious Education or Lead in a Catholic School](#) (according to CECV Policy).

Continued Sponsored Study will be dependent on successful completion of all units.

Course costs and sponsorship

To support as many teachers as possible, Catholic Education Melbourne will subsidise further studies on the following basis:

- sponsored teachers will be asked to pay approximately one-third of the cost of each unit up-front per semester that corresponds to \$533 on 2022, and the full student services and amenities fee (SSAF) as required for the duration of this Sponsored Study
- schools will contribute approximately one-third of the cost of each unit per semester for the duration of this Sponsored Study that corresponds to \$533 on 2022.
- Catholic Education Melbourne will pay the remaining cost of each unit per semester for the duration of this Sponsored Study.

Sponsored Study does not include:

- staff replacement costs or study leave
- the cost of books or reading materials
- the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)
- any late enrolment fees
- the cost of repeating a unit.

Note: Teachers should **only apply once** indicating their choice of institution (ACU, CTC or YTU). This is a 2-step process:

1. Apply to CEM for Sponsorship
2. Apply to ACU/CTC/YTU to enrol in the Course by following the instructions on their website.

Endorsement

Applicants for Sponsored Study need approval from their Principal. In OPL, Endorsement is a mandatory field that has been integrated into the application process. On registering:

- the Principal will be prompted to review and endorse the Sponsored Study application
- the Endorsement will be visible to both parties once completed
- the OPL system will not accept incomplete applications.

Enquiries

For enquiries regarding Religious Education Sponsored Study please email accreditationenquiries@macs.vic.edu.au