



**CATHOLIC
EDUCATION
MELBOURNE**

SPONSORED STUDY 2020

Further Studies in Theology or Religious Education

Overview

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

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

- [Australian Catholic University \(ACU\)](#)
- University of Divinity colleges:
 - [Catholic Theological College \(CTC\)](#)
 - [Yarra Theological Union \(YTU\)](#).

These courses are:

- Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation (CTC)
- Graduate Certificate in Liturgy (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 Theology – Research (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.

Further information regarding Sponsored Study can be accessed via the CEVN website <https://cevn.cecv.catholic.edu.au> under *Professional Learning / OPL*.

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 (2020–22), 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 0.8 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 (according to CECV Policy 1.7).

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

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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, and the full student services and amenities fee (SSAF) as required for the duration of this Sponsored Study
- schools will contribute approximately one-third towards the cost of each unit per semester for the duration of this Sponsored Study
- 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 SSAF
- any late enrolment fees
- the cost of repeating a unit.

How to apply

Before submitting an application, teachers should ensure their qualifications are correctly entered in the [Personnel Record System](#) (PRS), available under *Staffing & ER / Personnel Record System (PRS)* on the CEVN website, as this may affect their Sponsored Study application outcome.

The application form can be accessed via the CEVN website <https://cevn.cecv.catholic.edu.au> under *Professional Learning / OPL*.

Note: Teachers should **only apply once** indicating their choice of institution (ACU, CTC or YTU).

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.

Online Sponsored Study applications in OPL via the CEVN website

ACTIVITY NAME	Sponsored Study 2020: Further Studies in Religious Education/Theology
ACTIVITY CODE	20SPO220A
APPLICATIONS OPEN	Friday 2 August 2019
APPLICATIONS CLOSE	Friday 20 September 2019
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