

Career Change Scholarship

Nature of the Scholarships

Catholic Education Cairns is pleased to support professionals who are seeking a career change into teaching.

The scholarships are intended to support applicants who have an undergraduate degree and are applying for entry into a full time Master of Teaching and Learning degree in either Primary or Secondary Education.

Benefits*

Financial support:

\$10 000 per year for 2 years, paid in instalments (on the successful completion of the semester/trimester).

Employment:

Receive a permanent position within a Catholic School in the Diocese of Cairns upon completion of your studies.

Support during your study:

Optional opportunities for paid part time work as a school officer/paraprofessional in a Catholic School in the Diocese of Cairns.

Access to experienced educators and key personnel through an onboarding program and support as you complete your course.

*For more information contact graduateteachers@cns.catholic.edu.au.

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Intend to enrol full time in a Master of Teaching and Learning: Primary or Secondary, and meet eligibility requirements of your chosen university.
- ✓ Be an Australian Citizen or a permanent resident.



How to apply

- ✓ Produce a 3 minute (max) video which answers the following three questions:
 1. What inspires you to be a teacher in a Catholic School in Cairns?
 2. What qualities do you think make a successful teacher and why?
 3. What unique skills do you bring to the table as you change careers into teaching?
- ✓ Provide two written references supporting your application and suitability to receive the scholarship. One of these referees must be a recent line manager.
- ✓ Submit your resume and other supporting documentation, including your academic transcripts from your undergraduate degree and other relevant certificates of attainment.
- ✓ Include a copy of your birth certificate, passport or permanent visa.

The applicant authorises the selection committee to contact referees.

Selection Process:

Applicants will be shortlisted by a panel chaired by the Director of Workforce Capability. Shortlisted applicants will be required to attend an interview prior to the selection of scholarship recipients.

Conditions

As a scholarship recipient, you must:

- ✓ Remain enrolled in the course at the time of application.
- ✓ Maintain a minimum GPA of 4.
- ✓ Complete all requirements of the course, including professional experience placements.
- ✓ Seek to attend Catholic Education Services events and briefings, e.g., getting ready for employment sessions.



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