



Special Edition: Celebrating 200 years of Catholic Education in Australia



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Sydney
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How it all started...

Before 1960

Before 1965, there was no strong central administration of Catholic schools in Sydney. Instead, they were independent networks of schools run by different Religious Congregations, loosely linked by Diocesan Inspectors and by adherence to State syllabuses. These arrangements could not cope with the new demands on Catholic Schools in the 1960s. Planning of new developments and financial management were key concerns, and the bishops did not want to have to rescue parishes which sank into unmanageable debts. Bishops, their lay advisers and leaders of Religious Congregations saw the need for a more centralised administration to serve the needs of students in Catholic schools.

1965 CBFC

Cardinal Gilroy took the first step in 1965 when he established the Catholic Building and Finance Commission (CBFC). This was a committee of bishops, parish priests, CEO representatives and laity with financial, legal and building industry expertise. The CBFC took responsibility for the financing, rationalisation, planning and building of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese. The Religious Congregations agreed to place most of their schools under its financial management. This created a centralised system of Catholic Schools, with schools joining the system being called 'systemic', and others 'non-systemic'. By 1975, about 80% of the schools had joined the system.

60 staff

Where was the Catholic Education Office in all this process?

In the 1950s, under John Slowey, it had been a small team which supervised the school curriculum and reported to the Archbishop. During the 1960s and 1970s it expanded into a bureaucracy with about 60 staff, especially as it undertook programs which attracted government funding.

1987 restructure

During the 1980s, the CEO expanded to over 200 employees, predominantly lay. In the early 1980s the CEO administration was regionalised, with the Central Office remaining at Broadway (later Leichhardt), and five (Southern), Lewisham (Inner Western), and Wentworthville (Outer Western). The aim was to give the CEO closer contact with the schools and to make provision for the special needs of particular Regions. However this now meant there were two separate central administrative systems for Catholic systemic schools - the CBFC, which managed finance and building, and the CEO, which supervised educational programs. Both organisations were responsible separately to the Archbishop of Sydney. After about 15 years of debate, the two organisations merged together. This restructuring of central administration occurred in 1987. Archbishop Clancy then appointed the Sydney Archdiocesan Catholic Schools (SACS) Board to provide leadership and overall direction to Sydney Catholic Schools on his behalf.

Luttrell fms, John © 1996, Worth the Struggle: Sydney Catholic Schools 1820-1995, Catholic Education Office, Sydney, published in October 1996.

Where we are now...

1980

In 2018, Sydney Catholic Schools was incorporated into a Charitable Trust, and became known as Sydney Catholic Schools Limited.

Today

Today, we have over 150 Catholic primary and secondary schools operating across the Archdiocese, ensuring families have access to a low-fee Catholic education which will provide their children with the skills and knowledge they will need for the jobs of the future, and Sydney Catholic Schools will be celebrating 200 years of Catholic education in Australia in 2021.

70,000 students

We provide more than 70,000 students with a high-quality, low fee Catholic education. We consider our local parishes to be the cornerstone of our local communities, which is why each parish has access to proud and affordable local Catholic schools which lay the foundation on which to build an even stronger future for our faith. Our dedicated and hard-working educators deliver a strong faith-based education, catering for students with all interests and abilities through programs such as the Newman Selective Gifted Education Program and CaSPA for the performing arts, and our vocational education offerings.

It is our commitment to make sure that every student feels welcome at school and has the support to thrive academically and socially.

Mission, vision & value

Our Mission: To know and love Christ through learning.

Our Vision: Thriving Catholic communities through excellent teaching and learning.

Our Values: Empathy, curiosity, excellence, collaboration and truth.



200 YEARS - FAITH IN THE FUTURE OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA

Almighty and all-loving God,
 with gratitude for the endeavours of Catholic education in the past,
 with confidence in our Catholic pre-schools, schools and universities today,
 and with faith in their continuing contribution in the future,
 we celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in this Great South Land.

As our Heavenly Father,
 we thank you for your providential care for your children in this land
 in inspiring priests, religious and lay people
 to found and staff our schools in ages past.
 Through them the Good News of your Son was brought to the young
 even in colonial times – and ever since.

As Christ the Teacher,
 you grace the staff and leaders of Catholic education today.
 As they build on the achievements of their predecessors
 direct them in their present efforts
 to ensure that every young Australian has the opportunity
 for an excellent education and formation in faith.

As our Inspiring Spirit,
 you lead us into the future.
 In the century ahead grant those teaching and
 learning in our schools,
 those planning and leading,
 and the families and community that entrust
 their young people to us,
 a love of learning and a willingness to be the
 face of Christ
 in the world of tomorrow.

Pour out your abundant blessings upon all involved in
 the ministry of Catholic education. Amen.
 Our Lady of the Southern Cross – pray for us.
 St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Patron of Catholic
 Education in Australia – pray for us.

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Faith in the Future

Words and Music; Fr Rob Galea & Luke Batterbury

Woah

200 reasons to sing
In this Great South Land as one heart we'll bring
Inspired by all we have learned
We journey together
Turning our hearts and our minds
To Christ who has taught us love now
Renewed by the Spirit we'll go
We're learning together
We will live, love, reach out to the world
Bringing joy, hope and peace in God's Name
As your people, We have faith,
Faith in the Future

From humble beginnings we've grown, with faith in our mission
In a world so in need of real hope, we reach for tomorrow
Bringing the Gospel of truth
We carry the flame of the Spirit
Jesus, our way, and our life, guiding us through.
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Woah (x4) D A/C# E E/G# A A/C#
D A/C# E sus 4 E E sus 4 E

D A/C#
200 reasons to sing
Esus2 E Esus2 E
In this Great South Land as one heart we'll bring
D A/C#
Inspired by all we have learned
E

We journey together
D A/C#
Turning our hearts and our minds
E E/G# A A/C#
To Christ who has taught us love now
D A/C#
Renewed by the Spirit we'll go
E

We're learning together
D A Esus4
We will live, love, reach out to the world
D A Esus4
Bringing joy, hope and peace in God's Name
Bminor A/C#
As your people, We have faith,
Esus4 E

Faith in the Future
D A/C# Esus2 E Esus2 E
From humble beginnings we've grown, with faith in our mission
D A/C# E
In a world so in need of real hope, we reach for tomorrow
Bminor D F#min7
Bringing the Gospel of truth
E E/G# A A/C#
We carry the flame of the Spirit
D A/C# Esus4 E
Jesus, our way, and our life, guiding us through.

D A Esus4
We will live, love, reach out to the world
D A Esus4
Bringing joy, hope and peace in God's Name
Bminor A/C#
As your people, We have faith,
Esus4 E
Faith in the Future

Woah (x4) D A/C# E E/G# A A/C#
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Sydney Catholic Schools

Our Mission

To know and
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Sydney Catholic Schools

Our Values

Empathy



Curiosity



Excellence



Truth



Collaboration



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200 YEARS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA - SCS CELEBRATIONS

Anniversaries are very special occasions and they serve as a time to remember, reflect and celebrate. Importantly, they are also moments of recommitment of purpose and an affirmation of future hopes. Anniversaries of all types bring together in a very special way the continuum of past, present and future. This is certainly true of the bicentenary of Catholic education in Australia, a momentous occasion which we mark in 2020-2021.

The fruitfulness of Catholic education did not arise by chance. Rather, it is a consequence of the sacrifice and resilience of past generations. We are the heirs of a rich legacy, a legacy borne out of sincere belief, inspiring vision and unwavering resolve. The bicentenary of Catholic education invites each of us to remember the past with gratitude, and be inspired by the story of struggle and success, as we look forward with faith in the future.

RESOURCES: Bicentenary celebrations are being coordinated in part by the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC), which has released a national prayer (p.X) and song (p.X). Both of these can also be found on RE Online.

A range of bicentenary resources has also been published at <https://reonline.syd.catholic.schools.nsw.edu.au/200-years-celebration/>. This includes historical facts, stories and a photo gallery. Schools are encouraged to use these in the days ahead.

Special Events

During 2021 events will be organised to celebrate 200 years of Catholic education in Australia. As part of this celebration Sydney Catholic Schools will be hosting a National Mass and three presentations under the banner, **"200 Years of Catholic Schools: Celebrating Great Women Educators."** The four events are listed below. Further initiatives will be communicated to schools as the year progresses.

EVENT 1: National Mass

A National Mass will be celebrated on **the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians** at St Mary's Cathedral, starting 10:30 a.m. It is envisaged that this Mass will be widely accessed by students, staff and as many parents/parishioners as possible, either by their attendance at the Cathedral (invitational only), at the local parish church, or via a livestream to school halls and classrooms.

Please save the date in your calendars.

FACILITATOR: Sydney Catholic Schools.

VENUE: Streamed live from St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

DATE: Monday, 24 May

TIME: 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

RSVP: By Friday, 7 May

COST: Free

CONTACT: Glen Thompson on 0475 829 540 or glen.thompson@syd.catholic.edu.au

Disclaimer: This mass is subject to COVID-19 regulations that are applicable at the time of the mass and may be amended as necessary to ensure compliance with current government regulations should the restrictions change.

EVENT 2: Australian Women Religious Orders: The Historical Contribution of the Good Samaritans and Josephites to Catholic Education - Mrs Kate Rayment (Principal, St Scholastica's College, Glebe).

Wednesday, 24 March

MODE: Zoom Meeting (link will be sent after registration).

TIME: 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please email Robert Haddad to register your interest for this event.

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 1 hour of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: Robert Haddad on 0408 250 727 or robert.haddad@syd.catholic.edu.au

EVENT 3: The Dominican Charism and Catholic Education: Prayer, Praise and Proclamation - Sr Cecilia Joseph OP (Trinity College, Auburn).

Wednesday, 16 June

MODE: Zoom Meeting (link will be sent after registration).

TIME: 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please email Robert Haddad to register your interest for this event.

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 1 hour of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: Robert Haddad on 0408 250 727 or robert.haddad@syd.catholic.edu.au

EVENT 4: Great Australian Lay-Women Educators, Past and Present - Professor Renee Kohler-Ryan (UNDA, Sydney).

Wednesday, 25 August

MODE: Zoom Meeting (link will be sent after registration).

TIME: 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please email Robert Haddad to register your interest for this event.

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 1 hour of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: Robert Haddad on 0408 250 727 or robert.haddad@syd.catholic.edu.au

Celebrations



STAFF FAITH FORMATION

Growing in Faith

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9762)

Tuesday, 9 March - Friday, 12 March

This four day residential course is designed for teachers in their fourth – tenth year of teaching, who are seeking a deeper faith formation opportunity. It is especially applicable to those aspiring to formal religious leadership (REC) in the short-to- medium term.

THEME: “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

VENUE: St Joseph’s Spirituality and Education Centre (8 Humphreys Road, Kincumber South).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 8.00 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 4 is 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Admission to the course is via ELM enrolment with the simultaneous submission of an application form and the principal’s endorsement form via email to christopher.neaves@syd.catholic.edu.au. The application form can be obtained by emailing Christopher Neaves.

Please note all participants must complete both the ELM enrolment and the relevant forms in order to complete the registration process.

FUNDING: System release funding is available for successful applicants.

COST: All course costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this course equates to 40 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 25 participants

CONTACT: Christopher Neaves on 0475 835 098 or christopher.neaves@syd.catholic.edu.au.

RETREATS FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS STARTING IN SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

This is a three-phased retreat program conducted over three years for teachers new to Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS). Teachers in their first and second year of teaching with SCS will have a two-day residential retreat program at a particular venue. Teachers in their third year of teaching with SCS will have a one-day retreat program. The same retreat program is offered on multiple occasions. These retreats are compulsory and are offered to permanent, temporary and casual teachers new to SCS. Please register early in order to secure your preferred retreat option.

This retreat program is in accordance with the ‘Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Systemic Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney’ policy, for Category B.

Beginning Teachers’ 1st Year Retreat (BT1)

I: Thursday, 29 - Friday, 30 April

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9739-1)

II: Thursday, 6 - Friday, 7 May

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9739-2)

III: Thursday, 27 - Friday, 28 May

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9739-3)

IV: Thursday, 12 - Friday, 13 August

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9739-4)

V: Thursday, 11 - Friday, 12 November

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9739-5)

This two day residential retreat is for all teachers (permanent, temporary or casual) who are in their **first year** of teaching in Sydney Catholic Schools, in accordance with the ‘Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Systemic Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney’ policy, for Category B. The same retreat program is offered on multiple occasions. Please register early to avoid disappointment in gaining your preferred dates.

THEME: ‘Called’

VENUE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre (347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 8.30 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 2 is 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: As part of the Beginning Teachers’ orientation to teach in Catholic schools, 1 day of release funding will be funded by the Mission and Identity Directorate.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 15 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 35 participants per retreat option

CONTACT: Cheryl Fernandez on 0472 877 842 or cheryl.fernandez@syd.catholic.edu.au



Beginning Teachers' 2nd Year Retreat (BT2)

- I: Thursday, 20 - Friday, 21 May**
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9740-1)
II: Thursday, 10 - Friday, 11 June
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9740-2)
III: Thursday, 17 - Friday, 18 June
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9740-3)
IV: Thursday, 14 - Friday, 15 October
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9740-4)
V: Thursday, 4 - Friday, 5 November
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9740-5)

This two day residential retreat is for all teachers (permanent, temporary or casual) who are in their **second year** of teaching in Sydney Catholic Schools, in accordance with the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Systemic Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney' policy, for Category B. The same retreat program is offered on multiple occasions. Please register early to avoid disappointment in gaining your preferred dates.

THEME: 'Formed'

VENUE: St Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living (64 Mackillop Drive, Baulkham Hills).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 8.30 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 2 is 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is available from the Mission and Identity Directorate for both days of this retreat.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 15 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 35 participants per retreat option.

CONTACT:

OPTION I & IV: Christopher Neaves on 0475 835 098 or christopher.neaves@syd.catholic.edu.au.

OPTION II, III & V: Ivanka Rancic on 0436 682 679 or ivanka.rancic@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Beginning Teachers' 3rd Year Retreat (BT3)

- I: Friday, 27 August**
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9741-1)
II: Friday, 17 September
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9741-2)
III: Friday, 22 October
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9741-3)
IV: Friday, 29 October
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9741-4)

This one day reflection opportunity is provided for all teachers in their **third year** of teaching in Sydney Catholic Schools (permanent, temporary or casual). Please register early in order to secure your preferred date.

THEME: 'Sent'

VENUE: The pilgrimage will begin at Mary Mackillop Place (80 William Street, North Sydney), continue to St Patrick's Catholic Church (20 Grosvenor Street, Sydney), and finish at St Mary's Cathedral (St Mary's Road, Sydney).

TIME: 8.30 a.m. (for a 9.00 a.m. start) - 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this retreat.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 25 participants per retreat option

CONTACT: Bernadette Bridle on 0436 679 890 or bernadette.bridle@syd.catholic.edu.au.

***Cancellation Fees:** Participants withdrawing from this course must provide at least 7 days notice prior to the start of the course, otherwise schools will be liable to pay the course cost in full.

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FAITH FORMATION

Principals' Retreat

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-8747-2)

Thursday, 22 - Friday, 23 July

This two day residential retreat is open to all principals employed in Sydney Catholic Schools and will explore the dimension of 'witness', assisting principals to meet the Currency requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Systemic Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney' policy, for Category E.

THEME: *'Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen.'*

VENUE: The Hermitage (843 Old South Rd, Mittagong).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 8.30 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 2 is 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this retreat.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 15 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 20 participants (a minimum of 10 attendees is required)

CONTACT: Christopher Neaves on 0475 835 098 or christopher.neaves@syd.catholic.edu.au

Assistant Principals' Retreat

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-8748-2)

Thursday, 21 - Friday, 22 October

This two day residential retreat is open to all assistant principals employed in Sydney Catholic Schools. The retreat will explore the dimension of 'witness', assisting assistant principals to meet the Currency requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Systemic Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney' policy, for Category E.

THEME: *"Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen."*

VENUE: St Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living (64 Mackillop Drive, Baulkham Hills).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 8.30 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 2 is 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: No system release funding is available for this retreat.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 15 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 20 participants (a minimum of 10 attendees is required)

CONTACT: Christopher Neaves on 0475 835 098 or christopher.neaves@syd.catholic.edu.au

Religious Education Coordinator (REC) Retreats

I. Thursday, 3 - Friday, 4 June

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9742-1)

II. Thursday, 15 - Friday, 16 July

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9742-2)

III. Thursday, 29 - Friday, 30 July

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9742-3)

Each REC in Sydney Catholic Schools is now required to attend a System retreat at least once every two years. This two day residential retreat is open to all primary and secondary RECs employed in Sydney Catholic Schools. Three options will be offered each year. The retreat options in 2021 will explore the dimension of 'witness' and assist RECs to meet the Currency requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Systemic Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney' policy, for Category E.

THEME: *"Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen."*

VENUE OPTIONS:

I: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre (247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville)

II: St Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living (64 Mackillop Drive, Baulkham Hills).

III: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre (347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 8.30 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 2 is 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: No system release funding is available for this retreat.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 25 - 30 participants per retreat (a minimum of 10 attendees is required)



CONTACTS:

Option I: Anita Sicari on 0436 949 703 or anita.sicari@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Option II: Ivanka Rancic on 0436 682 679 or ivanka.rancic@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Option III: Christopher Neaves on 0475 835 098 or christopher.neaves@syd.catholic.edu.au

Youth Ministry Coordinators' Retreat

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9743)

Thursday, 22 April - Friday, 23 April

This overnight retreat is designed as a time of reflection and prayer, allowing participants to be inspired and renewed in their role as missionary disciples within their school communities.

THEME: *"Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen."*

VENUE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre (347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 9.30 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 2 is at 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is available for one day of this retreat (provided participants attend both days).

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 10 hours of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: Cheryl Fernandez on 0472 877 842 or cheryl.fernandez@syd.catholic.edu.au

Middle Leaders' Retreat

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9744)

Thursday, 2 - Friday, 3 September

This two day residential retreat is offered to all middle leaders currently employed in Sydney Catholic Schools. The retreat will explore the dimension of 'witness', and will support middle leaders in meeting the Currency requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Systemic Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney' policy, for Category C.

THEME: *"Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen."*

VENUE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre (247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 8.30 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 2 is 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this retreat.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 15 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 20 participants (a minimum of 10 attendees are required).

CONTACT: Ivanka Rancic on 0436 682 679 or ivanka.rancic@syd.catholic.edu.au



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FAITH FORMATION

Family Educators' Retreats

I: Friday, 5 March (one day)

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9745-1)

II: Thursday, 22 - Friday, 23 July (two days)

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9745-2)

III: Thursday, 12 - Friday, 13 August (two days)

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9745-3)

IV: Friday, 20 August (one day)

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9745-4)

V: Thursday, 18 - Friday, 19 November (two days)

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9745-5)

This two day residential retreat (with one-day options in March and August) will explore the theme of 'witness' in the context of the family educator role.

THEME: *"Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen."*

VENUES:

I: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre

(247 St Andrews Rd, Varroville)

II: St Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living

(64 Mackillop Drive, Baulkham Hills).

III: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre

(230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa).

IV: St Joseph's Centre for Reflective Living (

64 Mackillop Drive, Baulkham Hills).

V: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre

(347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale).

TIME: Please note arrival time for the 1 day option is 8.30 a.m. Additionally for the 2 day options, arrival time on Day 1 is 8.30 a.m. for registration and check-in, and departure time on Day 2 is 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this retreat.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in the 2 day retreats equate to 15 hours of formation for RE Currency. However participation in the 1 day retreats equate to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 25 participants

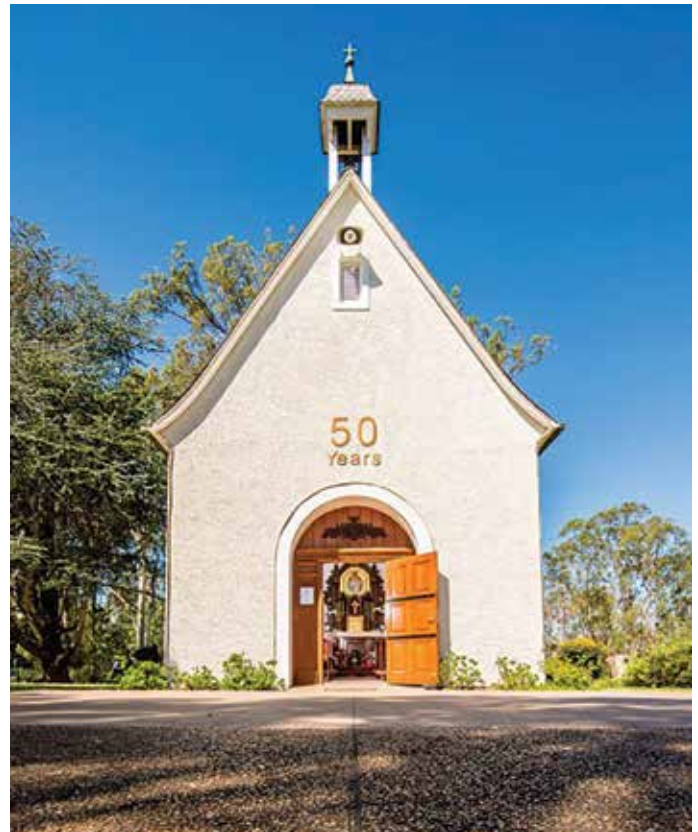
CONTACT:

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Option IV: Anita Sicari on 0436 949 703 or anita.sicari@syd.catholic.edu.au.

Option V: Bernadette Bridle on 0436 679 890 or bernadette.bridle@syd.catholic.edu.au



Support Staff Retreat

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9746)

Thursday, 11 - Friday, 12 November

This two day residential retreat is offered to support staff currently employed in Sydney Catholic Schools. The retreat will assist staff to meet Currency requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Systemic Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney' policy, for Category A.

THEME: *"Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen."*

VENUE: Mt Schoenstatt (230 Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 8.30 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 2 is 3:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this retreat.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 15 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 25 participants (a minimum of 10 attendees are required)

CONTACT: Christopher Neaves on 0475 835 098 or christopher.neaves@syd.catholic.edu.au

Inner City Pilgrimage

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9747)

Friday, 14 May

Staff employed in Sydney Catholic Schools have the opportunity to experience this time of spirituality and reflection. Please register early to secure your preferred pilgrimage option.

This pilgrimage will begin at Mary Mackillop Place (80 William Street, North Sydney) with prayer and reflection at the tomb of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross, followed by a silent walk across the Harbour Bridge to St Patrick's Catholic Church (20 Grosvenor Street, Sydney) for Mass, finishing with a tour of the Crypt at St Mary's Cathedral (St Mary's Road, Sydney).

THEME: *"Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen."*

TIME: 9.00 a.m. (for a 9.30 a.m. start) – 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: Limited system release funding is available upon request.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 20 participants (a minimum of 10 attendees are required)

CONTACT: Dominique Farah on 0404 087 378 or dominique.farah@syd.catholic.edu.au



God's Grace In My Life:

CLOVELLY TO BONDI EMMAUS EXPERIENCE

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9748)

Friday, 26 March

Join us as we reflect upon the Easter story of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus. What can we learn from their encounter with the Risen Lord? Discover moments of God's grace in your life as we enjoy the coastal walk from Clovelly to Bondi. This one day reflection opportunity is provided for all staff of Sydney Catholic Schools. Please register early to secure your place.

THEME: *'God's Grace in My Life'*

VENUE: Clovelly Surf Life Saving Club (Bundock Park, Donnellan Cct, Clovelly).

TIME: 8.30 a.m. (for a 9.00 a.m. start) – 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: Limited system release funding is available upon request.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 20 participants (a minimum of 10 attendees are required)

CONTACT: Cheryl Fernandez on 0472 877 842 or cheryl.fernandez@syd.catholic.edu.au



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Disclaimer: This course is subject to COVID-19 regulations that are applicable at the time of the course and may be amended as necessary to ensure compliance with current government regulations should the restrictions change.

Servant of God Eileen O'Connor Retreat

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-8758-2)

Friday, 5 November

A day of discovery and reflection on Eileen O'Connor and her community of 'Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor'. Come along to discover the life and work of a most courageous and remarkable woman, possibly Australia's next Saint! Discover how her humble service answered the call of Jesus: 'Stand up as a witness to what you have seen.'

THEME: "Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen."

VENUE: Eileen O'Connor 'Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor' (35 Dudley St, Coogee).

TIME: 8.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this retreat.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to

5 hours of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 25 participants per retreat (a minimum of 10 attendees are required)

CONTACT: Anita Sicari on 0436 949 703 or anita.sicari@syd.catholic.edu.au



Vinnies 'SWAP'

(SPECIAL WORKS AWARENESS PROGRAM) RETREAT FOR SCECS AND OSHC EMPLOYEES

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9749)

Friday, 7 May

The 'SWAP' Retreat brings alive Catholic Social Teaching Principles. This retreat enables participants to see

how their beliefs can practically change the lives of others for the better. The emphasis is on how participants can use their faith to see, judge and act when encountering need. Participants will be exposed to a number of programs and services that are specifically aimed to meet the needs of the most vulnerable within our society.

This retreat celebrates ordinary people doing extraordinary things in the name of Christian charity and desiring to provide friendship and hope to those who are the most vulnerable.

THEME: "St Vincent de Paul Special Works."

VENUE: Vinnies Head Office (32-36 Hampstead Rd, Auburn).

TIME: 10.00 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: Release funding is not available for this retreat.

COST: All retreat costs are met by Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 4 hours of formation for RE Currency.

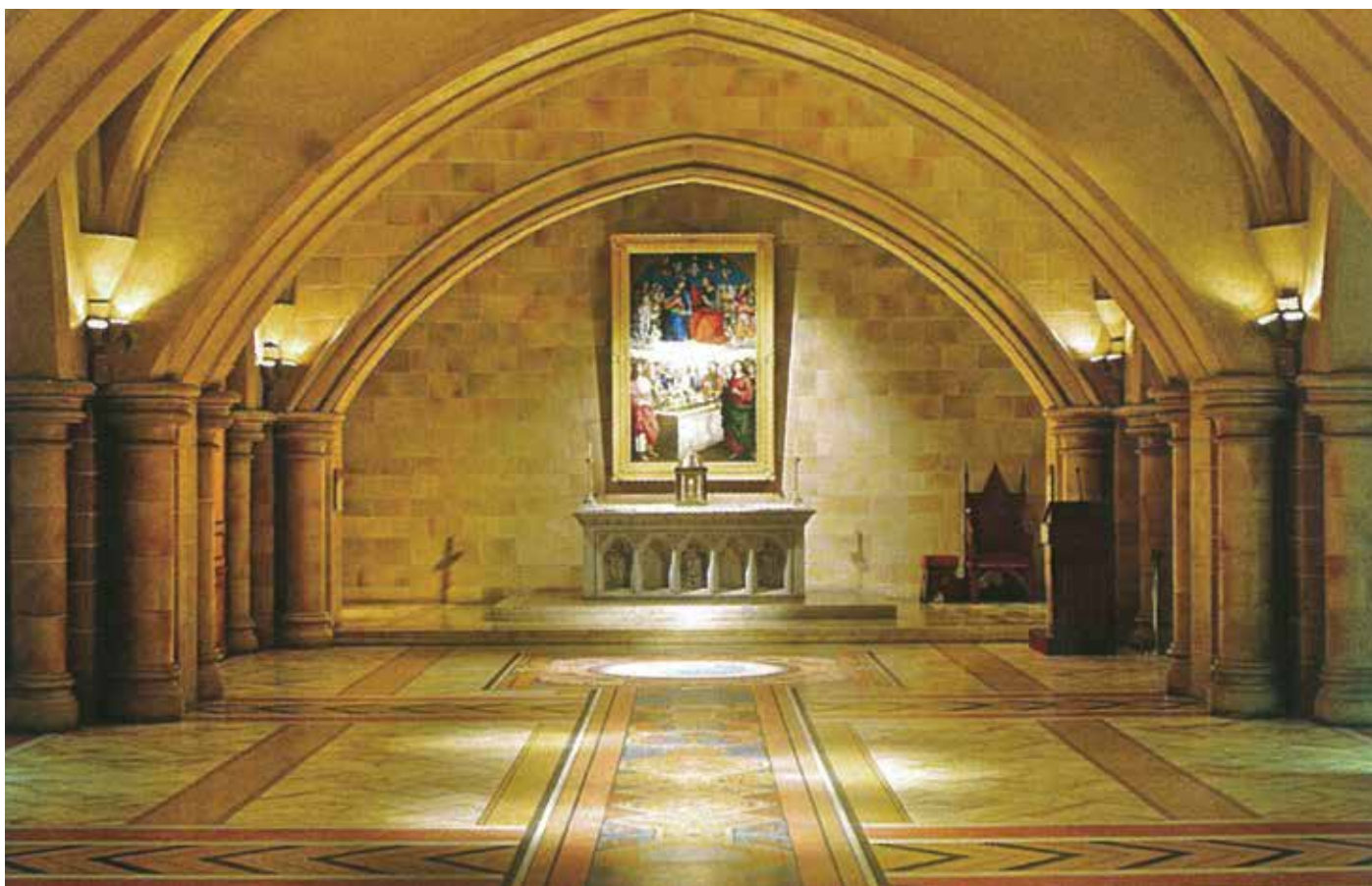
LIMIT: 25 participants per retreat (a minimum of 10 attendees are required)

CONTACT: Bernadette Bridle on 0436 679 890 or bernadette.bridle@syd.catholic.edu.au



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Staff Presentations for 2021

During 2021, RE presentations to staff meetings will focus on the System theme and the Gospel of the Year. The System theme will be based on the Scripture verse, **“Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen” (Acts 26:16)**. The Gospel for 2021 is Mark’s Gospel. Schools wishing to book any of these presentations (or others as suggested by the school) may contact Robert Haddad on 0408 250 727 or robert.haddad@syd.catholic.edu.au

St Mary’s Cathedral Crypt Tours

Schools wishing to take students, staff or parents to St Mary’s Cathedral can contact the Mission and Identity Directorate for a guided tour of the Cathedral Crypt. This tour (in addition to a guided tour of the main body of the Church, booked through the Cathedral) will provide commentary on the history of the Crypt, its construction, the style of architecture, the imagery of the great Celtic Cross floor, the images within the many medallions, the early history of the Catholic Church in

NSW, the early priests and bishops of the Colony, the burial plots of previous Archbishops and Cardinals, and the various artworks and statues adorning the Crypt. The tour will be interactive and allow participants to contribute in shared discussions, and question and answer sessions.

LENGTH OF TOUR: 45-60 minutes.

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this retreat equates to 1 hour of formation for RE Currency.

LIMIT: 30 students/staff per tour*

CONTACT: Robert Haddad on 0408 250 727 or robert.haddad@syd.catholic.edu.au

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Pope Francis Award 2021

ZOOM INFORMATION BRIEFING

Please note, this event is for teachers employed in primary schools only.

Wednesday, 10 February

This briefing is for teachers interested in running the Pope Francis Award program at their schools in 2021. The day will be facilitated by the Sydney Catholic Schools Youth Ministry team.

TIME: 9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

REGISTRATION: Further details including the zoom link will be provided in 2021.

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this briefing.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 2 hours of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: Cheryl Fernandez on 0472 877 842 or cheryl.fernandez@syd.catholic.edu.au



Youth Ministry Coordinators

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9750)

Tuesday, 13 July

This gathering will be a professional development opportunity for Youth Ministry Coordinators (YMCs) to engage in workshops exploring the latest Catholic youth ministry research, programs and resources, in order to support and equip them in their role as YMCs.

VENUE: Sydney Catholic Schools, Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 9.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

RSVP: Wednesday, 30 June

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

COST: All event costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: Milad Khali on 0419 755 270 or milad.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au

Archdiocesan Zoom Youth Ministry

COORDINATORS' NETWORK MEETINGS

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9752)

Wednesday, 20 October

This gathering will be a professional development opportunity for Youth Ministry Coordinators (YMCs) in secondary schools within each cluster to engage in workshops with a variety of experts in the latest Catholic youth ministry research, YMC programs and resources to support and equip them in their role as Youth Ministry Coordinators.

ZOOM MEETING: link will be sent once the teacher is registered

TIME: 3.15 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

COST: All event costs are met by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 4 hours of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: Dominique Farah on 0404 087 378 or dominique.farah@syd.catholic.edu.au

‘Chosen’ Student Retreat

Thursday, 4 - Friday, 5 November

This two day retreat is offered to Year 7 students participating in the Pope Francis Secondary Award pilot program for 2021. The Pope Francis Award is a service-based initiative involving 45 hours of formation and service in schools and parishes. The retreat will offer students an immersive experience of prayer, sacramental participation and reflection, focussing on the importance of being a witness in the context of school and parish life.

THEME: “Stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen.”

VENUE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre (347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 9.30 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 2 is 2:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: By invitation only for Year 7 students participating in the Pope Francis Awards Secondary pilot program.

FUNDING: System release funding is available for accompanying school staff.*

LIMIT: 80 students, plus one accompanying staff member per school.

CONTACT: Cheryl Fernandez on 0472 877 842 or cheryl.fernandez@syd.catholic.edu.au



The 10:10 Project

YEAR 10 STUDENT RETREAT

Thursday, 25 - Friday, 26 November

This two day retreat is offered to Year 10 students participating in the 10:10 Project pilot program for 2021. The 10:10 Project is a youth-ministry initiative that has been designed in collaboration with the Life, Marriage and Family Office of the Archdiocese of Sydney and The Culture Project. The 10:10 Project aims to deepen student understanding and appreciation of the Catholic Church's teachings on the human person and vocation (with a strong emphasis on marriage and family).

THEME: “I came that they may have life and have it to the full” (John 10:10).

VENUE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre (347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is 9.30 a.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 2 is 3:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: By invitation only, for Year 10 students participating in the 10:10 Project pilot program.

FUNDING: System release funding is available for accompanying school staff. A subsidy will be provided to support student attendance.*

LIMIT: 100 students, plus one accompanying staff member per school.

CONTACT: Milad Khalil on 0419 755 270 or milad.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au

***Cancellation Fees:** Participants withdrawing from this event/retreat must provide at least 7 days notice prior to the start of the event/retreat, otherwise schools will be liable to pay the retreat cost in full.

Disclaimer: This event/retreat is subject to COVID-19 regulations that are applicable at the time of the retreat and may be amended as necessary to ensure compliance with current government regulations should the restrictions change.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Archdiocesan combined Secondary RECs' and YMCs' Meeting

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9754)

Friday, 19 February

This one-day gathering will be an opportunity for RECs and YMCs in secondary schools to gather for a day of networking and briefing on Sydney Catholic Schools' plans in 2021.

An invitation is extended to SCS Assistant RECs as well as Congregational and Independent secondary school RECs to attend this meeting.

VENUE: Waterview (Homebush Bay Drive, Bicentennial Park, Homebush).

TIME: 8.45 a.m. (for 9.00 a.m. start) - 3.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search). Congregational and Independent Schools are invited to contact Janina Starkey via email to register.

FUNDING: 1 day of system release funding per SCS secondary school will be provided for this event, provided both the REC and YMC attend.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT:

RECs: Anthony Munro on (02) 9568 8207 or anthony.munro@syd.catholic.edu.au;

YMCs: Robert Haddad on 0408 250 727 or robert.haddad@syd.catholic.edu.au



IGNITE Conference Sydney 2021

Thursday, 28 September - Sunday, 1 October

After a great start in Sydney in 2019, the IGNITE Conference will continue in 2021. The conference gathers youth, young adults, families and Sydney Catholic School' staff in prayer, praise and worship; provides inspirational and dynamic speakers on a wide range of topics, streamed for different age groups, and a host of stalls and expos.

THEME: 'Unleash'.

VENUE: Freeman Catholic College (Bonnyrigg Heights).

TIME: Thursday: 4.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.; Friday: 8.30 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.; Saturday: 8.30 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.;

Sunday: 9.00 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Registration information will be provided by IGNITE Youth early 2021.

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this event equates to 30 hours of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: Dominique Farah on 0404 087 378 or dominique.farah@syd.catholic.edu.au.



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Life Month

September, 2021

Life Month is a time to raise community awareness around the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person in a manner that is relevant and faithful to the teaching of the Catholic Church.

Life Month will be centred around the theme “Young witnesses of Life and Love” and school communities will have the opportunity to participate in numerous activities for students, staff and parents.

Further information including resources will be made available to schools in the months leading up to Life Month.

CONTACT: Milad Khalil on 0419 755 270 or milad.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au



Proficient Teacher Accreditation Release Days

**For participants attending the BT1 Retreat.*

There are 12 in-school release days available for full-time teachers who are working towards Proficient Teacher Accreditation.

These days are divided into the following categories:

New Scheme Teacher (code: 00CD)

Mentor and Supervisor (code: 00CE)

These days can be taken throughout the period that the teacher takes to achieve Proficient Teacher Accreditation.

The way in which these days are used is determined by the teacher, their mentor and supervisor. Teachers enrolled in the Beginning Teachers' 1st Year Retreat can use 1 of these days drawn from the New Scheme Teacher category. The second day will be funded by M&I (release funding code will be provided to you at the conclusion of the retreat).

RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The dynamic landscape of Catholic education requires the ongoing identification and formation of quality future leaders, capable of dealing with a diversity of challenges. There is a need to ensure that our schools are not only centres of excellence and innovation in teaching and learning, but also vibrant faith communities.

In Catholic Schools at a Crossroads, the Bishops of NSW/ACT committed that our schools should be:

- truly Catholic in their identity and nature;
- centres of 'New Evangelisation'; and
- led and staffed by people who will contribute to these two goals.

In light of these goals and the overall vision and mission of our system, priority is given to religious leadership.

PEARL (PROGRAM FOR EMERGING AND ASPIRING RELIGIOUS LEADERS)

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9756)

PEARL is a three-day program including:

- PEARL Gathering Day
- PEARL Into the Deep - Leadership and Curriculum, and
- PEARL Leadership Conference

However, teachers may register in the 'Liturgy, Prayer & Sacraments' course and obtain an additional 5.5 hours of RE Currency.

Please note: Teachers who complete the program will be eligible to receive Level C accreditation under the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Systemic Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Sydney' policy. All PEARL days contribute hours to maintaining RE currency at Category D or E under the 'Work, Teach, Lead' framework.

PEARL Gathering Day

Friday, 19 March

This is the first day in the PEARL program and is aimed at teachers identified as having the potential to serve in a significant leadership role (e.g. Religious Education Coordinator).

The focus of the day is the 'call' to leadership, research on leadership in a Catholic school setting, and the importance of a Professional Learning Plan.

The day will include a 'consultancy session' where participants can refine their plan and collectively engage with research, system documents, the 'Australian Professional Standards for Teachers', with highly experienced school and system leaders. Participants will also be made aware of the mentoring nature of the program and the indicators of effective Catholic leadership.

Participants will finish the day with a Professional Learning Plan that will assist them in building their own leadership capacity, allowing them to map a journey towards senior school leadership.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 8.45 a.m. - 3.45 p.m.

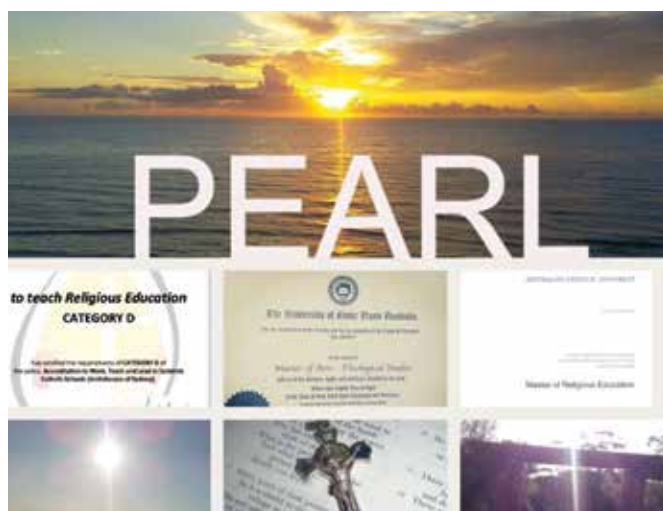
REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: Limited system release funding is available upon request.

COST: All course costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this course equates to 9 hours and 15 minutes of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: David Ivers on (02) 9568 8212 or david.ivers@syd.catholic.edu.au



PEARL “Into the Deep” PEARL Leadership Day

RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP AND CURRICULUM

Friday, 14 May

This is the second day in the PEARL program. The focus will be on leadership (especially religious leadership) and communication, 21st century schooling, the Australian Curriculum and curriculum integration, innovation and using e-Learning to support good pedagogy. Participants will be given a 'leadership observation tool' and encouraged to journal their findings in preparation for the PEARL Leadership Conference.

Participants will reflect and explore contemporary research that broadens their knowledge and understanding of the leadership skills necessary to be an effective school leader, and contextualise contemporary research on leadership to school and system priorities.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 8.45 a.m. - 3.45 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

COST: All course costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this course equates to 9 hours and 15 minutes of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: David Ivers on (02) 9568 8212 or david.ivers@syd.catholic.edu.au

Friday, 5 November

This is the third day in the PEARL program. The focus of the day is authentic Catholic school leadership, and further exploration of the contemporary research on leadership and learning. Participants will have the opportunity to network with a range of educational and community leaders, pose questions and explain how they may be able to adapt the information to their school context and engage with the wider community.

Throughout the day, there will be the opportunity utilising a consultancy method used by the Harvard Graduate School of Education, for participants to revisit, evaluate and revise their Professional Learning Plan. On completion of the program, participants will demonstrate an understanding of the research and system documents via the 'leadership observation tool' and journal. Participants will also demonstrate an understanding of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers, and how they can be used to build their own leadership capacity through continued use of a Professional Learning Plan.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 8.45 a.m. - 3.45p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: Limited system release funding is available upon request.

COSTS: All course costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this course equates to 5 hours and 30 minutes of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: David Ivers on (02) 9568 8212 or david.ivers@syd.catholic.edu.au

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RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PEARL Twitter Forum

Session 1: Monday, 17 May

Session 2: Monday, 16 August

Session 3: Monday, 18 October

**Additional sessions may be added at the request of teachers.*

This Twitter Forum will include questions based on identified themes and areas covered in the PEARL program, and is open to all interested educators. The forum is moderated by @SCS_RE and runs for at least one hour per session. Please note #SCSPEARL will be used for all three sessions.

Participants will engage with other educators from Australia and potentially around the world. By engaging in the sessions they will demonstrate a commitment to continuous professional learning by exploring educational ideas, contextualising contemporary research on leadership to school and system priorities, and sharing relevant research that broadens and improves practice.

Teachers will be able to download the PDF copy of the session via <https://reonline.syd.catholic.schools.nsw.edu.au>.

SESSION TOPICS:

- **Session 1 - Topic: Catholic schools are called to be distinctive and to give witness to.....?**

Guest Moderator: David Ivers, Specialist: Religious Leadership Sydney Catholic Schools, and Andrew Murray, Principal - Catholic High School, New Zealand.

- **Session 2 - Topic: How do we nurture students' love of learning through a Catholic pedagogy that fosters the development of the intellect, moral knowledge, and understanding and reasoning in a relational, social and cultural context?**

Guest Moderator: Anthony Munro, Specialist: Religious Education (Secondary) - Sydney Catholic Schools, and Andrew Murray, Principal - Catholic High School, New Zealand.

- **Session 3 - Topic: How do Catholic educators assist students to know, understand and celebrate their Catholic faith?**

Guest Moderator: David Neilson, Education Officer: Blended Religious Learning - Sydney Catholic Schools, and Andrew Murray, Principal - Catholic High School, New Zealand.

THEME: Hebrews 13:7-8.

VENUE: Online mode participation (Twitter account required).

TIME: 7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

ACCREDITATION: Each Twitter session equates to 1 hour of formation for RE Currency under the requirements of 'Work, Teach and Lead' framework. Participants may choose to attend one or more sessions.

CONTACT: David Ivers on (02) 9568 8212 or david.ivers@syd.catholic.edu.au.



PEARL Elective Day

LITURGY, PRAYER & SACRAMENTS (PROFESSOR CLARE JOHNSON)

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-4525-3)

Thursday, 5 August Friday, 30 July (tba)

This elective day will focus on Liturgy, Prayer and Sacraments, with the renowned liturgist from the Australian Catholic University, Professor Clare Johnson.

Throughout the day teachers will contextualise contemporary thinking on Liturgy and Prayer, targetting both their professional needs and school-system priorities. They will explore their understanding of Prayer, Liturgy, liturgical principles and key Sacraments, whilst broadening their knowledge and understanding of the effective leadership skills necessary for a vibrant liturgical and prayer program.

Participants will explore the key documents that underpin the preparation of a liturgical and prayer program for schools and address questions such as 'What is Liturgy?', 'How do I prepare a prayer service or liturgy for the school?', and 'How do I build religious leadership in the area of prayer and liturgy with staff?'.

**Pre-course readings are required to be completed prior to the day.*

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 8.45 a.m. - 3.45 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 9 hours of formation for RE Currency. Teachers can choose to claim these hours as Teacher Identified Professional Development.

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

COST: All course costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.

CONTACT: David Ivers on (02) 9568 8212 or david.ivers@syd.catholic.edu.au.

CALL Program

(CATEGORY-C ACCREDITATION LEADERSHIP LEARNING PROGRAM)

Tuesday, 31 August - Wednesday, 1 September

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9758-1)

This program fulfils the requirements for accreditation at Category C (Middle Leaders) under the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in a Systemic Catholic School' policy.

ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE:

- The Mission of the Catholic Church
- The Archbishop's Charter for Catholic Schools Catholic Life and Culture
- Pastoral Care
- Scripture, Prayer and Liturgy
- Christian Leadership
- Faith Formation of Staff
- Partnership with Families and Parishes Catholic Ethical and Social Teaching
- Catholic Worldview across the Curriculum.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe) - for F2F modules only.

TIME: 8.45 a.m. - 3.45 p.m

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: funding information goes here

COST: All course costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 24 hours of formation for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

CONTACT: David Ivers on (02) 9568 8212 or david.ivers@syd.catholic.edu.au.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Newly Appointed RECs' Orientation

This event is mandatory for all newly appointed acting and substantive RECs to attend.

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9759)

Friday, 12 February

Newly appointed Religious Education Coordinators (RECs) are commissioned into their role as an REC. The event also allows RECs an opportunity to network and provides them with essential information to help inform and develop their careers as RECs in schools.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe)

TIME: 9.45 a.m. (for a 10.00 a.m. start) - 3.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: funding information goes here

COSTS: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 4 hours of formation for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

CONTACT: Lee Ann Xavier on (02) 9568 8419 or leeann.xavier@syd.catholic.edu.au

New Primary RECs' Induction Program

(FIRST & SECOND YEAR - 3 HALF DAY COURSES)

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9760)

Term 2 - Thursday, 13 May

Term 3 - Tuesday, 3 August

Term 4 - Thursday, 28 October

This event will give new Religious Education Coordinators in Primary schools an opportunity to gather for networking. The program includes an overview of areas of responsibility and support available.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

RSVP: Friday, 30 April

FUNDING: Half day system release funding is available for this event.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 2.5 hours of formation for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

CONTACT: Jodie Micallef on (02) 9568 8248 or jodie.micallef@syd.catholic.edu.au

Archdiocesan Primary Religious Education Coordinators' Gathering

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9761-1)

Friday, 26 February

This event will give Religious Education Coordinators in Primary schools an opportunity to gather for a day of networking and briefing on Sydney Catholic Schools' plans in 2021.

VENUE: Waterview (Homebush Bay Drive).

TIME: 8.30 a.m. (for 9.00 a.m. start) - 3.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

RSVP: Wednesday, 10 February

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

CONTACT: Jodie Micallef on (02) 9568 8248 or jodie.micallef@syd.catholic.edu.au

RECs' Professional Learning Communities

(PRIMARY)

North Sydney & Harbour & Botany-Randwick East

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9770-1)

Tuesday, 27 April

Thursday, 22 July

Thursday, 21 October

St George & Botany-Randwick West

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9770-2)

Monday, 26 April

Friday, 23 July

Friday, 22 October

City West & Ashfield-Olympic Park

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9770-3)

Thursday, 29 April

Tuesday, 20 July

Friday, 27 October

Ryde & Auburn-Lakemba

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9770-4)

Friday, 30 April

Wednesday, 21 July

Friday, 29 October

East Hills & Sutherland Shire

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9770-5)

Tuesday, 4 May

Thursday, 29 July

Thursday, 4 November

Aerotropolis & South West & Horsley

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9770-6)

Wednesday, 5 May

Friday, 30 July

Tuesday, 19 October

The REC's Professional Learning Communities (Primary) is an opportunity for senior school leaders in Religious Education to engage with colleagues to improve practice, understanding professional ethics and responsibilities and to understand the requirements of their role as a

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Disclaimer: This event is subject to COVID-19 regulations that are applicable at the time of the event and may be amended as necessary to ensure compliance with current government regulations should the restrictions change.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

part of the Sydney Catholic Schools' network.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 8.45 a.m. (for 9.00 a.m. start) - 3.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Completing this professional development day will contribute 12 hours for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

LIMIT: 25 participants

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RECs' Professional Learning Communities

(SECONDARY)

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9763)

Term 2 - Wednesday, 28 April

Term 3 - Friday, 16 July

Term 4 - Friday, 26 November

The REC's Professional Learning Communities (Secondary) is based on research by Hord (1997) indicating that for "staff, being part of a professional learning community reduces teacher isolation, increases commitment to the mission and goals of the school, creates shared responsibility for the total development of students, creates powerful learning that defines good teaching and classroom practice, and enhances understanding of course content and teacher roles". Research by Thompson, Gregg and Niska (2015) indicate a correlation between effective professional learning communities and development of leadership capabilities for those holding such positions in schools. As such, the RECs' PLCs will provide RECs with the opportunity to participate in professional learning and dialogue targeted to their specific professional needs in the area of religious education and evangelisation.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 8.45 a.m. (for 9.00 a.m. start) - 3.30 p.m.

Registration: Please register via PHRIS (login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Completing this professional development day will contribute 12 hours for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

LIMIT: 25 participants

CONTACT: Anthony Munro (02) 9568 8207 or anthony.munro@syd.catholic.edu.au

First Year Beginning Teachers' Induction into Religious Education in SCS

(TWO DAY COURSE)

North Sydney & Harbour & Botany-Randwick East
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9804-1)

Wednesday, 21 April - 9.00am-12.00pm

Thursday, 15 July - 9.00am-12.00pm

St George & Botany-Randwick West
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9804-2)

Wednesday, 21 April - 1.00pm-4.00pm

Thursday, 15 July - 1.00pm-4.00pm

City West & Ashfield-Olympic Park
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9804-3)

Thursday, 22 April - 9.00am-12.00pm

Wednesday, 14 July - 9.00am-12.00pm

Ryde & Auburn-Lakemba
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9804-4)

Thursday 22 April - 1.00pm-4.00pm

Wednesday, 14 July - 1.00pm-4.00pm

East Hills & Sutherland Shire
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9804-5)

Friday, 23 April - 9.00am-12.00pm

Monday, 19 July - 9.00am-12.00pm



Religious Education



Aerotropolis & South West & Horsley
(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9804-6)
Friday, 23 April - 1.00pm-4.00pm
Monday, 19 July - 1.00pm-4.00pm

The Beginning Teachers induction to Religious Education will introduce teachers new to teaching in Sydney Catholic Schools to the Primary Religious Education Curriculum. Participants will unpack the pedagogy of storytelling and its process in our teaching practice. Teachers will develop strategies to explore Scripture with children and explore contemporary pedagogy in the teaching of Religious Education in the classroom.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

RSVP: Friday, 30 April

FUNDING: No system release funding is available for this event.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools. *

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 2.5 hours of formation for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

LIMIT: 30

CONTACT: Jodie Micallef on (02) 9568 8248 or jodie.micallef@syd.catholic.edu.au

The Art of Storytelling

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9764)
Thursday, 18 March

The Art of Storytelling will unpack the key aspects of the storytelling pedagogical approach in the Primary Religious Education Curriculum. The course will explore the ways young children learn, with a focus on the research on the spiritual and faith development of children.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 8.45 a.m. (for 09.00 a.m. start) - 3.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (Login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

RSVP: Friday, 5 March

FUNDING: System release funding is not available

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

LIMIT: 30

CONTACT: Jodie Micallef on (02) 9568 8248 or jodie.micallef@syd.catholic.edu.au

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Archdiocesan Combined Secondary RECs' and YMCs' Meeting

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9754)

Friday, 19 February

This will be an opportunity for Religious Education Coordinators in secondary schools and Youth Ministry Coordinators to gather for a day of networking and briefing on Sydney Catholic Schools' plans in 2020.

An invitation is extended to SCS Assistant RECs as well as Congregational and Independent secondary school RECs to attend this meeting.

VENUE: Waterview (Homebush Bay Drive).

TIME: 8.45 a.m. (for 9.00 a.m. start) - 3.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search). Congregational and Independent Schools are invited to contact Janina Starkey via email to register.

RSVP: By Wednesday, 3 February

FUNDING: 1 day of system release funding per SCS secondary school will be provided for this event, provided both the REC and YMC attend.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this day equates to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: RECs - Anthony Munro on (02) 9568 8207 or anthony.munro@syd.catholic.edu.au;
YMCs - Robert Haddad on 0408 250 727 or robert.haddad@syd.catholic.edu.au

Critical Thinking and Critical Discussion Workshop

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9766)

Thursday, 6 May

This Critical Thinking and Critical Discussion Workshop is designed to introduce teachers to the notion of having students focus on their thinking and understanding of concepts rather than being focused solely on the completion of work which is based on the Visible thinking model. There will be an emphasis on learning about the teaching strategies of the Liberal Arts tradition and how to use and facilitate Socratic discussions in the classroom as a culmination of the inquiry-based model and as a teaching technique to engage students more actively in their learning.

This workshop is informed by the work of Ritchhart, Church and Morrison (2011) and McDowell (2018), O'Shea (2018), Kolher-Ryan and Starkey (2019) and D'Orsa (2012). Teachers will use the Sydney Catholic Schools Stage 4 and 5 Religious Education Curriculum, the Stage 6 Studies in Catholic Thought, endorsed course, and their own teaching and learning programs as a foundation for discussion of how to integrate Socratic discussions into the students' classroom experience. Teachers will also participate in structured Socratic discussions based on the content from these curriculums and learn how to use the technique with students.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 9.00 a.m. (for 9.30 a.m. start) - 3.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

RSVP: Wednesday, 5 May

LIMIT: 25 participants

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.*

ACCREDITATION: Completing this workshop will contribute 6 hours of RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

CONTACT: Anthony Munro on (02) 9568 8207 or anthony.munro@syd.catholic.edu.au



SiCT Intensive Professional Learning Twilight

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9765)

Monday, 1 March

The SiCT Intensive Professional Learning Twilight will introduce teachers new to teaching the endorsed course, Studies in Catholic Thought to the course content and methodology. A key theoretical underpinning of the course is provided by the Congregation for Catholic Education in the document, Educating Today and Tomorrow: A Renewing Passion - Instrumentum Laboris, 2014. This document highlights that learning through research and problem solving is essential for students to develop significant cognitive and mental abilities. Therefore, participants will explore the key Scripture, philosophical works, relevant texts, historical periods and people, and the fine arts that will be used to deliver the course content. Additionally, teachers will be introduced to the Socratic method, based on the ideas of Reich (2003) whereby the Socratic method is utilised as a relevant framework for actively engaging students with the critical thinking process.

VENUE: Webinar workshop.

TIME: 3.45 p.m. - 5.15 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

RSVP: Monday, 15 February

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

ACCREDITATION: Completing this professional development day will contribute 1.5 hours for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

LIMIT: None

CONTACT: Anthony Munro on (02) 9568 8207 or anthony.munro@syd.catholic.edu.au

SYLLABUS DOCUMENT FOR

Studies in Catholic Thought

***Cancellation Fees:** Participants withdrawing from this event must provide at least 7 days notice prior to the start of the event, otherwise schools will be liable to pay the related event costs in full.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Secondary Religious Education Professional Learning Twilight

**This event is open to teachers new or returning to Secondary Religious Education.*

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: 2000-9769)

Tuesday, 23 March

This twilight session is designed to equip practitioners new or returning to the subject area with an understanding of the Sydney Catholic Schools Religious Education Curriculum in Stages 4 and 5. There will be a focus on planning effective teaching and learning based on the Understanding by Design model (Wiggins & McTighe, 2005).

There will be an opportunity to hear from experts in RE curriculum, participate in discussion and workshop activities designed to enhance content knowledge and broaden teaching strategies to more fully engage students in the area of Religious Education. Participants will also work with the syllabus documents and their school-based teaching and learning programs to embed new strategies into their own programs and lesson plans.

VENUE: Webinar workshop.

TIME: 3.45 p.m. - 5.15 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

ACCREDITATION: Completing this professional development day will contribute 1.5 hours for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

LIMIT: None

CONTACT: Anthony Munro on (02) 9568 8207 or anthony.munro@syd.catholic.edu.au



Studies of Religion Focus Day

STUDENT CURRICULUM EVENT

Wednesday, 16 June

The Studies of Religion Focus Day is an event for Year 12 students to extend their knowledge in components of the Year 12 syllabus, in preparation for the HSC Trial Examinations. Workshops are presented by experienced RECs with a background in HSC Marking and by experts from various religious traditions.

VENUE: Australian Catholic University (64 Barker Road, Strathfield).

TIME: 9.00 a.m. (for 9.30 a.m. start) - 2.45 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Via google form provided to RECs at the beginning of Term 2.

RSVP: Friday, 3 April.

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.

CONTACT: Anthony Munro on (02) 9568 8207 or anthony.munro@syd.catholic.edu.au



Trial HSC SoR Marking Workshop

(PHRIS ACTIVITY CODE: tba)

Term 3, Week 4 (date TBA after publication of the CSSA Trial Calendar)

This workshop is for Year 12, Stage 6 Studies of Religion teachers, addressing the Australian Professional Standard 5.3.2 for teachers. It will allow teachers to understand and participate in assessment moderation activities to support consistent and comparable judgements of student learning using CSSA HSC trial examination scripts.

The marking session will be led by experienced HSC markers. Actual CSSA trial scripts will be used to moderate and collaboratively explore consistent and comparable judgements of students' work.

Through a collaborative process of marking student scripts, each teacher will develop an improved understanding of what constitutes an exemplar script and be able to give constructive and effective feedback to their students about their achievement relative to their learning goals.

VENUE: SCS Lidcombe Office (3 Keating Street, Lidcombe).

TIME: 8.45 a.m. (for 9.00 a.m. start) - 3.30 p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register via PHRIS (login to your PHRIS account > Self Service > Learning and Development > Learning > Search Catalog > Advanced Search).

FUNDING: Limited system release funding is available for this event. Requests for funding must be made in writing prior to the day.

COST: All event costs are covered by Sydney Catholic Schools.

ACCREDITATION: Completing this professional development day will contribute 3 hours for RE Currency under the requirements of the 'Accreditation to Work, Teach and Lead in Sydney Catholic Schools' policy.

LIMIT: 50 participants

CONTACT: Anthony Munro on (02) 9568 8207 or anthony.munro@syd.catholic.edu.au

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Christian Meditation Formation Day

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This workshop will introduce teachers, catechists, Family Educators, parents and others who care for children to the practice of Christian meditation. The workshop will bring the teachings of this gentle and ancient prayer into the contemporary world of our schools, classrooms and homes. In this workshop we offer ways and provide support to introduce meditation to children and people of all ages.

THEME: 'A Gift for Life'

FACILITATOR: The World Community for Christian Meditation Australia (NSW).

VENUE: St Francis Xavier Parish Hall (Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay).

TIME: 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

REGISTRATION: To register, please go to www.wccmaustralia.org.au (click 'Events' tab and then 'Calendar' to download the booking form).

RSVP: By Monday, 1 June.

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this event.

COST: \$100.00 per person (including lunch).

ACCREDITATION: Participation in this course equates to 5 hours of formation for RE Currency.

CONTACT: Christian Meditation NSW - Penny Sturrock on 0409 309 344 or torlonia@bigpond.net.au; Sydney Catholic Schools - Jodie Micallef on (02) 9568 8248 or jodie.micallef@syd.catholic.edu.au



The Light of Hope and Peace Artists' Retreat

Friday, 18 June - Monday, 20 June

This live-in workshop will engage teachers, Religious Education Coordinators and art specialists in the complete process of creating a work of art and reflective writing for annual 'The Christmas Story Art Exhibition and Competition'. All materials are provided in an experiential, spiritual, practical and educational experience that will enable participants to facilitate more effectively the work of their students. Participants will explore this timeless gift while illustrating, painting and expressing personal artistic reflections on the Scripture.

THEME: Christmas - the birth of Jesus and growth of our faith.

FACILITATOR: John Charadia and guest tutors

VENUE: Mt Carmel Retreat Centre (St Andrew's Road, Varroville).

TIME: Arrival time on Day 1 is from 3.00p.m. for registration and check-in. Departure time on Day 3 is 2.30p.m.

REGISTRATION: Please register as an external learner of the Catholic Education Office, Wollongong. More information will be made available closer to the retreat.

FUNDING: System release funding is not available for this retreat.

COST: \$380 per person - including all meals, accommodation and art materials.*

LIMIT: 20

CONTACT: Jodie Micallef on (02) 9568 8248 or jodie.micallef@syd.catholic.edu.au

***Cancellation Fees:** Participants withdrawing from this retreat must provide at least 7 days notice prior to the start of the retreat, otherwise schools will be liable to pay the retreat cost in full.

Disclaimer: This retreat is subject to COVID-19 regulations that are applicable at the time of the retreat and may be amended as necessary to ensure compliance with current government regulations should the restrictions change.

Additional Events

The Clancy Prize Religious Art Exhibition

Friday, 21 May - Sunday, 30 May

The annual Clancy Prize Exhibition is open to all Sydney Catholic Schools secondary students. It is a celebration of our students' creativity and spirituality, expressed through visual arts, inspired by Cardinal Edward Clancy.

THEME: 'Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education in Australia'.

FACILITATOR: Sydney Catholic Schools.

VENUE: McGlade Gallery, Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus.

TIME: 9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

COST: Free

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