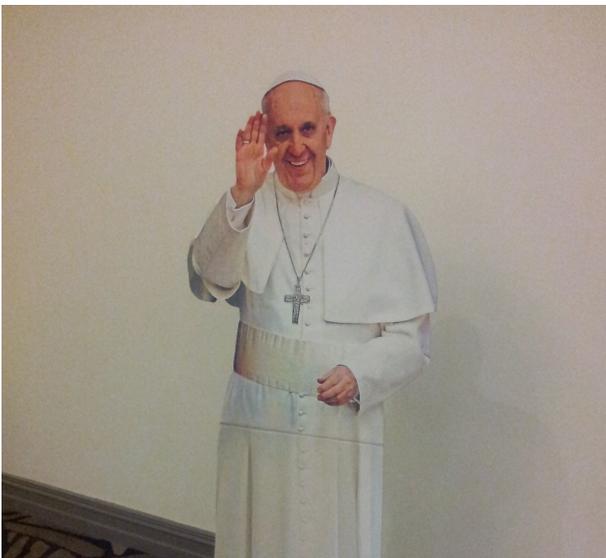
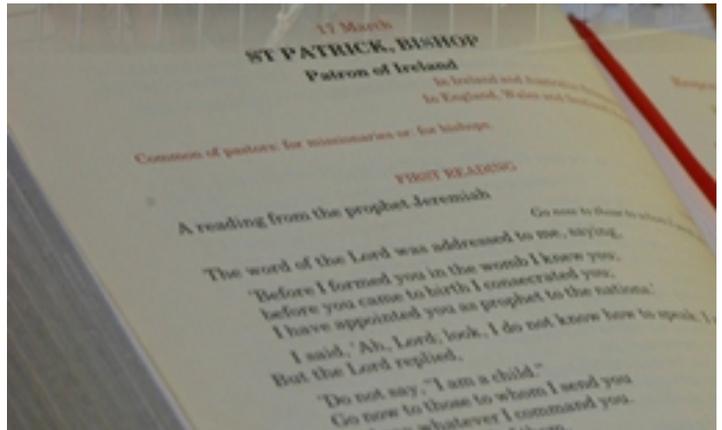




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**Sydney Catholic Schools:
Professional Study Requirements for:
Accreditation – Senior School Leadership
(Category E)**

Accreditation – Senior School Leadership

Qualifications required for Senior School Leadership.

(Category E – Accreditation to ‘Work, Teach & Lead in Systemic Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney)

Accreditation at Category E, in addition to being Catholic, requires a minimum of 4 Post-Graduate Units of study at AQF Level 8 or higher, in addition to holding Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in the Archdiocese of Sydney. All Principals, Assistant Principals and Religious Education Coordinators must hold Accreditation – Senior School Leadership (Category E) or whilst studying, Provisional Accreditation – Senior School Leadership (Category E). *Accreditation – Senior School Leadership (Category E) is based upon qualifications only and is not automatically conferred upon appointment to the position of Religious Education Coordinator, Assistant Principal or Principal.*

There are two ways in which Teachers can qualify to be accredited for Senior School Leadership (Category E). Any Teacher with the appropriate qualifications can apply for Accreditation – Senior School Leadership (Category E). *Teachers should note that to be appointed as a Religious Education Coordinator substantively (Level 1), a Graduate Diploma or Master degree in Religious Education, Theology, Theological Studies or a Bachelor of Theology is required. A Master of Educational Leadership does not meet the requirement to be a substantive (Level 1) REC.*

Method 1: Undergraduate Study + Post-Graduate Study:

Meet the requirements of Category D (Teach Religious Education) through undergraduate studies.

For undergraduate studies completed from 2015 onwards:

- Undergraduate studies with 6 or more approved units in Religious Education and Theology at an approved institution of which one unit must include Scripture or Biblical Studies OR
- Undergraduate studies with 6 or more approved units in Theology at an approved institution of which one unit must include Scripture or Biblical Studies.

For undergraduate studies completed prior to 2015:

- Undergraduate studies with 5 or more approved units in Religious Education and Theology at an approved institution of which one unit must include Scripture or Biblical Studies OR
- Undergraduate studies with 5 or more approved units in Theology at an approved institution of which one unit must include Scripture or Biblical Studies

Examples of such degrees would include: Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts & Bachelor of Teaching, Bachelor of Theology.

AND

Complete a minimum of 4 Post Graduate Units (AQF 8 or Higher) in Religious Education / Theology / Catholic Leadership. Note you do not need to have completed the whole degree before applying for Accreditation - Senior School Leadership (Category E). In this scenario, completion of a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education, Graduate Certificate in Arts (Theological Studies), Graduate Certificate in Theology would be sufficient for Category E accreditation. Alternatively, the first 4 units in a Graduate Diploma in Religious Education, Graduate Diploma in Arts (Theological Studies), Graduate Diploma in Theology, Master of Religious Education, Master of Arts (Theological Studies), Master of Theological Studies, Master of Theology, Master of Philosophy (Coursework) (in which the subjects taken are substantially oriented towards Religious Education and / or Theology), Master of Theology (Leadership), Master of Educational Leadership (Catholic Leadership Strand-ACU) could also be used.

AND

Complete the application form for Accreditation – Senior School Leadership (Category E), available from RE Online. Email the form **with** Transcript of Results indicating the successful completion of 4 Post-Graduate Units in Religious Education / Theology / Catholic Leadership. The units of study need to be from approved providers (typically University of Notre Dame Australia, Catholic Institute of Sydney, Broken Bay Institute, Australian Catholic University). The units of study may come from more than one institution / provider.

Method 2: Post-Graduate Study (AQF 8 or Higher):

Meet the requirements of Category D (Teach Religious Education) through Post-Graduate studies.

- Post-Graduate studies with a minimum of 4 Units in Religious Education / Theology. For a Graduate Certificate in Religious Education there should be: 3 Theology units and 1 Religious Education unit or 2 Theology units, 1 Theologically oriented Religious Education unit and 1 Religious Education unit studied. **One of the Theology units must be a unit of study in Biblical Studies / Scripture.**

To meet the requirements of Category E (Senior School Leadership) through Post-Graduate Studies:

- Complete a minimum of 4 Post-Graduate units not previously used for Accreditation Category D. These units of study need to be in Religious Education / Theology / Catholic Leadership. If a Graduate Certificate was used for Category D, then at a minimum a second Graduate Certificate in Religious Education / Theology / Catholic Leadership would be required. Most staff using this method enroll in one program of study that covers both Categories D and E

Typically, this method would require the completion of 8 units of study. Examples of such qualifications would include: Graduate Diploma in Religious Education, Graduate Diploma in Arts (Theological Studies), Graduate Diploma in Theology, Master of Religious Education, Master of Arts (Theological Studies), Master of Theological Studies, Master of Theology, Master of Philosophy (Coursework) (in which the subjects taken are substantially oriented towards Religious Education and / or Theology), Master of Theology (Leadership), Master of Educational Leadership (Catholic Leadership Strand-ACU). If applying for Category E on the basis of a research degree such as: Master of Philosophy (Research), Doctor of Philosophy / Doctor of Education in which it can be demonstrated that the research has a substantial orientation towards Religious Education and / or Theology and / or Catholic Leadership, it will be considered for accreditation by a panel. As with method 1, this method requires **completion of the application form for Accreditation – Senior School Leadership (Category E)**, available from RE Online. Email the form **with** Transcript of Results (certified by your Principal, Assistant Principal, Priest or JP), indicating the successful completion of 4 Post-Graduate Units in Religious Education / Theology / Catholic Leadership.

Approved Providers: Australian Catholic University, Broken Bay Institute (BBI), Catholic Institute of Sydney (CIS), University of Notre Dame Australia

Forms, Transcripts and Questions should be emailed to: ree.accreditation@syd.catholic.edu.au