

Catholic Identity

2023 Courses offered



Spiritual Staff Formation

Staff with Spirit BCE07006

This spiritual formation program provides an opportunity to enrich your personal spiritual journey, enhance an understanding of Catholic culture and tradition, reconnect 'soul' and 'role'. This is an overnight retreat and is open to all BCE employees.

Please note: The Catholic Identity team are also providing two one day offerings. **Enrol now in iLearn BCE08786**

'Be' Retreat BCE07789

The real challenge in our busy lives is to stop and sit with ourselves, our minds and our hearts allowing a time and place for stillness. This overnight retreat is open to all BCE employees.

Call to Hope BCE07802

This spiritual formation experience is a gentle retreat which gives participants time and permission to step away from the busyness of work. These overnight retreats, held during school holidays, are available to all BCE employees.

Early Career Teachers

1st Year - Encounter BCE08320; 2nd Year - Communion BCE08321 and 3rd Year - Mission BCE08322

The formation experiences are planned to be attended in sequence though it is not essential to attend in consecutive years. It has five aims:

- To create a space to reflect on and explore the personal narrative and experience of being a teacher.
- To grow the capacity of individuals to teach, challenge and transform.
- To situate that experience within the wider arc of the teacher and the leader in the Catholic school
- To develop basic habits and insights to sustain and grow the spirituality of each teacher
- To introduce skills and perspectives towards post-critical belief.

Retreat programs offering several options to attend are offered for program. These are then followed up with optional online conversations.

Mini Formation Experience (on-line 1 hour sessions)

It is with pleasure that we continue to offer these very successful mini formation experiences for all staff commencing in week 2 of term 3.

Please search 'Mini Spiritual Formation' in iLearn.

Introducing the Catholic World

This series of seminars are 'pop up' opportunities which introduce basic Catholic ideas, culture and practices. They have been specifically designed as an induction for new BCEO staff but are now open to all employees. Each session is 1 hour and is presented either online or in person. The following topics will promote discussions and questions:

- Religion: The Great Questions
- For the Love of God
- Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Popes, Prelates and People
- On A Wing and A Prayer
- Bells, Smells, Songs and Stories
- Going to Mass?
- The Good Book
- Becoming Human
- A Call to Justice

When available, session details will be provided in the fortnightly Catholic Identity and Religious Education News.

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Spiritual and Pedagogical Accompaniment - Pre-service Teachers Retreat

The Spiritual and Pedagogical Accompaniment Program aims to support pre-service teachers during their Brisbane Catholic Education placements across the school year. The program will allow pre-service teachers to explore what it means to be a teacher in a Catholic school, to reflect on and develop their own meaning making and spiritual growth while their professional confidence and capacity is emerging.

The Formation for Mission Module Day

Formation Modules

They are informed by the work of Thomas Groome's "What Makes a School Catholic".

- Anthropology: In God's own image and likeness
- Sacramentality: To see God in all things
- Community: Made for each other
- Tradition: To share the story and vision.
- Rationality: Faith-seeking understanding

School facilitators can order resources via this [link](#) or email cis@bne.catholic.edu.au





Youth Formation and Youth Ministry

Youth Formation

- **Year 11 & 12 Leadership Formation Program:** This program will be offered to Year 11 and 12 student leaders in BCE and RI schools. It will consist of a large gathering at the start of Term 2 to empower the leaders to live out their mission with joyful hope and conclude with a smaller gathering in Term 3 for students who would like to delve deeper.

- **Potential – Year 10 – Completed in June.**

The Power of TEN To Inspire and Lead (PoTENTial) is designed to empower and inspire Year 10 students to use their God given gifts and talents to make a difference in the world. It is a day full of prayer, music, inspiring keynotes and workshops and includes our partners Vinnies Youth, Caritas and Catholic Mission.

- **Year 7/8 Formation Program**

This program will be trialled in 2023 and we are hoping to offer this to those schools who are seeking an option in formation for this level...stay tuned!

- **5/6 Formation Days with Year 8-10 Leaders**

BCE Youth Leaders work with the students in our Secondary schools to be peer mentors for the 5/6 Formation days. Held in a variety of schools across the archdiocese, this program empowers Year 5/6 student to live their faith in real and tangible ways while providing them with an opportunity to be inspired by their peer mentors. The Year 5/6 Formation days have provided meaningful opportunities of encounter as the secondary students have shown themselves to be great examples to the younger students in welcoming, sharing their story and praying with them.

- **3/4 New Formation Program**

This program was trialled in 2022 and we are hoping to offer this to those schools who are seeking an option in formation for this level...stay tuned!

Youth Ministry Networking Days BCE08760

The Campus Minister and Chaplain Networking Days provide an opportunity for those accompanying young people in our schools to share resources, pray together and develop their skills. **Enrolments are now open.**



Theological Formation

Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Project

THCT605 – An Introduction to the Catholic Dialogue Schools Project (ACU & BCE) BCE07738

ACU, in partnership with BCE, offer a week-long study intensive that engages the underpinning theology and methodology of the Catholic Dialogue Schools Project. This course can be credited with ACU as part of a Master of Professional Studies in Theology or as an elective in the Master of Religious Education or Master of Educational Leadership. Alternately, the intensive can be completed for audit. It is also cross credited with BBI TAITE and other higher education providers.

Those who are leading Catholic Identity are prioritised for this course.

Details

- To be held in Brisbane **30 October – 3 November 2023**. Expressions of interest will be called for in Term 2, 2023.

Leuven ECSI Online courses will be available in 2023, please check the fortnightly Catholic Identity and Religious Education News

BCE Enhancing Catholic Schools Identity Project (ECSI) : Retreats and workshop – enrolments open

- Orientation Day **24 February 2023 BCE06251**

This workshop assists schools in planning their engagement with the project and orientates them to the associated requirements and processes. Intended audience is the 2023 cohort of schools completing the Leuven survey.

Enrolments are now open

- Dialogue Days
- **Day 1 (formation) BCE08721 and Day 2 (planning) BCE08726**
- **Day 1 (formation) BCE08725 and Day 2 (planning) BCE08727**

Living the Dialogue (designed in collaboration with individual school teams, EOCI and EORE)

- Dialogue Schools Theological and Practice Workshop **10 November 2023 BCE07462**

This workshop is designed for the 2023 cohort of the Catholic Dialogue Schools Project and explores the theology, methodology, and pedagogy of the project.