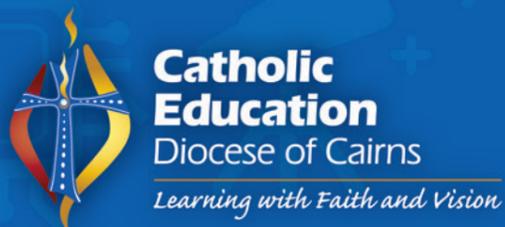


Growing our future teachers

Are you graduating high school soon?
 Still figuring out your next move?
 Or maybe you've been out of school a while
 and thinking of a change of career?

Here's why you
 should consider
 teaching



Consider Making a World of Difference as a Teacher

Deciding on a career? There are so many things to weigh up. What is my passion? What difference do I want to make in the world? Will my chosen career be in demand? What opportunities do I want?

Now more than ever, students also need to consider the increasing impact of global technological advancements and how these changes may alter future employment opportunities and job security.

Thankfully, there are always going to be jobs that cannot be replaced by a computer or robot. One of these careers is teaching.

Cairns Catholic Education Services Consultant Leanne Webster said: "Teachers will always be needed to provide the encouragement, motivation, care and support that our young people need to thrive in our digitally-connected world. It is a great time to consider a career in teaching."

In fact, the demand for new teachers has never been stronger. Australia is experiencing a national teacher shortage and there is no sign of it slowing down any time soon. Catholic schools need more graduates than ever to keep up with the jobs on offer.

"Teaching as a career path can provide job security and longevity. There's opportunity for career advancement, which can lead to pay increases above and beyond the starting salary of \$75,470. Teachers who obtain additional accreditation during their career can earn over \$128,000," Leanne said.

It is safe to say the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a deeper appreciation for teachers around the world, as parents began to witness firsthand the complexities of teaching while in lockdown. Teaching positions are regularly advertised throughout Australia, including in rural and remote areas which often attract additional allowances. Teaching is also a globally transferable skill and the perfect career path to explore the world, when this is again possible.

St Monica's College Year 10 student Makenzie Sheldon said she gained a valuable glimpse into the world of teaching when she took part in her school's *Aspire to Teach* program. Students visited a local primary school each week to support their reading program.

"When you get the students to open up and talk to you and they get into it, it's the most rewarding experience and it would be nice to get to do it every day," Makenzie said.

"Seeing them struggle with a word and then finally get it after you convince them to keep going, their face lights up. They are all so intelligent and you get to watch them develop."

Catholic schools are welcoming and inclusive to all who are interested in teaching. Find out more about teaching opportunities at Cairns Catholic Education and Pre-Service Teacher Scholarships by scanning the QR code or emailing graduateteachers@cns.catholic.edu.au