



Year 12 Education Scholarships



Nature of the Scholarships

Cairns Catholic Education is delighted to offer full scholarships to cover HECS fees for up to four years, for graduating Year 12 students from Catholic Colleges within the Diocese of Cairns. The scholarships are intended for students applying to complete a full-time, four-year Bachelor of Education degree at James Cook University Nguma-bada Campus (JCU) or Central Queensland University (CQU) Cairns campus. These full-time degrees may include Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary majors. First Nations students are strongly encouraged to apply.

Benefits

Payment of full fees:

Cairns Catholic Education commits to pay the course costs directly on presentation of course fees which must be presented prior to the census date each semester of study for the four years of the degree.

Teaching position guaranteed for two years:

Upon successful completion of the education degree, scholarship recipients will be guaranteed employment within the Diocese of Cairns and expected to teach for two years in a Catholic school within the [Diocese of Cairns](#). Repayment of course fees will be required if recipients are unable to fulfill this teaching commitment.

Support during your study:

Cairns Catholic Education will offer opportunities to work in diocesan schools as school officers supporting teachers in the classroom on a part-time basis.

Key personnel from Catholic Education Services (CES) will stay connected with recipients through a supportive on-boarding program over the duration of the course.

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ Be an Australian citizen or eligible for a Commonwealth supported place.
- ✓ Successfully complete Year 12 at a Cairns Catholic Education College.
- ✓ Obtain an ATAR result of 75 or higher.
- ✓ Be accepted into and able to commence a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary) at JCU Cairns or CQU Cairns in the first semester of the year after graduation from Year 12.

To find out more about being eligible for a Commonwealth supported place, see:

- [Relevant information from JCU](#)
- [Relevant information from CQU](#)



How to apply

Applicants must submit with the Scholarship Application Form:

- ✓ A video of no more than 3-5 minutes, introducing themselves, describing why they are interested in teaching, and further, why they are interested in teaching in a Catholic context. Also include how, as a student in Catholic Education, they have contributed to their college community or the broader community.
- ✓ Two written references, one which must be their school Principal, attesting to the applicant's character and/or suitability to receive the scholarship. Please include contact details.
- ✓ Their resume and any other supporting documentation that would assist the Selection Committee in developing an opinion as to the merit of the application (e.g. certificates of attainment or experience).
- ✓ A copy of their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) and ATAR certificate.
- ✓ A copy of their course acceptance from either JCU or CQU.
- ✓ A copy of their birth certificate, passport or permanent visa.

Applications submitted without the relevant documentation will not be considered.

The applicant authorises the Selection Committee to contact referees.

Scholarship applications open on **Wednesday 15 December 2021** and close on **Monday 7 February 2022**.

Applications to be emailed to tangel@cns.catholic.edu.au by COB on Monday 7 February 2022.

Any questions regarding the application can be made to **Tammy Angel, Administration Officer Workforce Capability** at tangel@cns.catholic.edu.au

Selection Process:

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

Conditions on recipient:

To retain the scholarship, recipients:

- ✓ Must remain enrolled in the course identified at the time of application. The recipient must maintain a course GPA of 4.0 or above. Where the recipient fails to meet this requirement, evidence of special circumstances contributing to the reduced GPA must be provided to the Selection Committee for consideration of ongoing eligibility.
- ✓ Must successfully complete all professional experience placements.
- ✓ Must attend all briefings at Catholic Education Services throughout the duration of the course.
- ✓ May only defer or request suspension of their scholarship in exceptional circumstances.
- ✓ Be willing to be involved in the promotion of the teaching profession by Cairns Catholic Education or at JCU/CQU University events.

If the recipient fails to comply with any of the conditions of this scholarship, the Chair of the Selection Committee may suspend or terminate the scholarship or take such action as it deems necessary to enforce compliance with the condition by the recipient.

