

CURRICULUM IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Scope: This policy applies to all Catholic kindergartens, schools and colleges conducted by Catholic Education, Diocese of Rockhampton (referred to as Catholic Education in the document).

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Catholic Education will implement:

- Diocesan Religion Curriculum P-10 (Catholic Education Rockhampton)
- Study of Religion, Religion and Ethics, Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology for Year 11 and 12 students
- Spirituality in the Early Years (Catholic Education Rockhampton)
- Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority)
- the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) syllabus documents based on the Australian curriculum, where applicable and/or
- the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) framework.

2. DESCRIPTION

Founded on the person of Jesus Christ, Catholic Education seeks to bring meaning to all in their community; 'Its task is fundamentally a synthesis of culture and faith, and a synthesis of faith and life: the first is reached by integrating all the different aspects of human knowledge through the subjects taught, in the light of the gospel; the second in the growth of the virtues characteristic of the Christian' (*The Catholic School*, 1997, p.31).

"The curriculum of a Catholic school refers to students' life experiences in the context of schooling. It therefore embraces formal teaching and learning, as well as the informal curriculum" (*An encounter with Christ': Defining Features of Catholic Schools in the 21st Century*, 2004, p.15).

Aligned to the goals of *The Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians*, Catholic Education commits to providing an education that equips young people with the knowledge, understanding, skills and values to face the future with confidence. Curriculum in Catholic Education

will promote equity and excellence, supporting students to become ‘successful learners, confident, creative individuals, and active and informed citizens’.

3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

The Principal / Kindergarten Director of each kindergarten, school and college conducted by Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton is:

1. responsible for developing and reviewing their school curriculum programs
2. to develop School Learning Area Overviews (LAOs), based on the Australian Curriculum P-10, supported by Catholic Education’s accreditation processes
3. responsible for implementing the Diocesan Religion Curriculum P-10 (Catholic Education Rockhampton) or Study of Religion, Religion and Ethics, Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology for Year 11 and 12 students
4. to commit to the processes and direction of the QCAA in the senior phase of learning
5. to implement the *Kindergarten Learning Guideline* (QSA) and *Spirituality in the Early Years* (Catholic Education Rockhampton) in all kindergartens
6. to provide the child safety curriculum (Early Years) in kindergarten and the Daniel Morcombe child safety curriculum from Prep to Year 9
7. to administer standardised assessments as determined by national and state authorities.

4. REFLECTION MATERIAL

CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- [Learning Framework](#) 2010
- *School Curriculum Framework Review and Development: Overview and Guiding Questions* 2011
- *Spirituality in the Early Years* 2012
- *Child Safety Curriculum Early Years* 2016
- [Diocesan Religion Curriculum P-10](#) 2015
- Diocese of Rockhampton [‘An Encounter with Christ’: Defining Features of Catholic Schools in the 21st Century](#) 2004
- [Learning in the Preparatory Year](#) 2014/03
- [Personal and Social Development Education](#) 2017/06
- [Teaching and Learning Religion in Catholic Schools and Colleges](#) 2015/08

RESOURCES

- Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority *The Australian Curriculum Prep to 10* 2012



- Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace *Early Years Learning Framework for Australia – Belonging, Being, Becoming* 2009
- Congregation for Catholic Education *The Catholic School* 1977
- Department of Education and Training [Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum](#) 2016
- Ministerial Council of Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs Australia [Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians](#) 2008
- Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority Syllabuses, position papers
- Queensland Catholic Education Commission *Queensland Catholic Schools and Curriculum* 2008
- Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority *Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline* 2010
- Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority *Continua of Learning & Development QLD Kindergarten Learning Guideline Companion* 2010