Early Years Conference 2015

On the weekend 23 / 24 May Catholic Education held its annual Early Years Conference. The 2 day, weekend conference focused on promoting the importance of Early Years Education. The conference held at the Kevin Castles Centre Rockhampton attracted around 100 Early Years Educators and was open to teachers from Independent and Education Queensland Schools. Catholic Education participants are travelled from as far west as Longreach, as far north as Mackay and as far south as Bundaberg.

The keynote and workshop presentations were organised to provide attendees with a balance of theoretical knowledge and practical, hands on classroom ideas. Saturday’s keynote presenter was Kathy Walker, Founding Director, Early Life Foundations, whose focus was on Intentional Learning in Play Based Curriculum and on Sunday Marianne Schubert, Principal Testing Officer: Literacy at Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) explored the effective strategies for engaging young children in learning to read and comprehend.

A variety of workshops was also be on offer with the workshops conducted by local educators including Early Years Teachers and Rockhampton Catholic Education Curriculum Consultants.

Assistant Director: Curriculum, Mrs Gayle Cunningham said she was very pleased with the number of attendees and excited about the conversations and discussions that the weekend conference had provided and avenue for. “Our Early Years Conference highlights the vital role Early Years Education must play in our schools if we are to provide our students with the best possible education,” Gayle Cunningham said.