

# TEACHING AND LEARNING RELIGION IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

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

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## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

All enrolled in Catholic schools and colleges (hereafter referred to as Catholic schools) participate in the school's accredited Religion Learning Area.

## 2. DESCRIPTION

In Diocesan Catholic Schools, Religion is a specific Learning Area.

In the Religion Learning Area, the emphasis is on knowledge of Jesus Christ and understanding his message as expressed in the Bible and through the beliefs, teachings, values and practices of the Catholic Church.

This policy clarifies what is expected of all students in Catholic schools and colleges with regard to learning about Religion.

## 3. IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

1. Each Diocesan school/college is responsible for developing, implementing and reviewing its Religion Learning Area Overview.
2. These Religion Learning Area Overviews must comply with the principles, processes, approaches and content of the *Diocesan Religion Curriculum P-10* (2015).
3. To teach Religion in a Catholic School, teachers must meet Catholic Education Accreditation requirements.
4. Students will complete a minimum of 40 hours learning Religion each semester.
5. School Religion Learning Area Overviews are accredited according to Catholic Education processes.
6. Parents / carers / guardians are informed of this policy when enrolling their child/children.



#### 4. REFLECTION MATERIAL

##### CATHOLIC EDUCATION POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- Catholic Education Diocese of Rockhampton (2015) [Religious Education website](#)

##### RESOURCES

- Congregation for Catholic Education (1977) *The Catholic School* § 38, 40, 45, 50 1977
- Congregation for Catholic Education (1988) *The Religious Dimension of Education in a Catholic School* § 49, 68 – 70
- Congregation for Catholic Education (2007) *Educating together in Catholic Schools: A shared mission between consecrated persons and the lay faithful*, § 20-24
- Congregation for Catholic Education (2014) *Educating today and tomorrow: A renewing passion*
- Miller, J.M. (2006) *The Holy See's teaching on Catholic Schools* pp 45-46
- Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC) (2008) *Queensland Catholic Schools and Curriculum*, Brisbane