

CSES Professional Development for Primary Schools in 2018

COURSE DESCRIPTORS

Beginning Teachers and Teachers New to Catholic Schools Seminar

This seminar will provide an overview of the role of a teacher in a Catholic Primary School with emphasis on the Religious Education Curriculum and planning in Religious Education. As requested, this stand-alone seminar is separate from the TCI RE501 paper which will be offered later in the year.

Curriculum Workshop

These workshops provide teachers with an opportunity for in-depth exploration of an element of the Curriculum specific to their Curriculum level. In 2018 the workshops will focus on the Religious Education Bridging Document (these workshops will complement the first Cluster Meeting and will lead on from there - it would be useful for teachers to attend the Cluster Meeting and then the Curriculum Workshop). It is important to note that the Curriculum Workshops in 2018 have been planned by Curriculum level and will again be held locally.

Deputy and Assistant Principals Network Meeting

This series of meetings will provide an opportunity for Deputy and Assistant Principals to come together to explore Catholic Character leadership in our schools unique to their roles. Participants will be invited to contribute to the direction these groups take, building on the successful development of this network in 2017.

DRS Seminar

This pair of seminars is designed to support Directors of Religious Studies in their work as stewards of Catholic Character and as leaders within our Catholic Primary Schools. The seminars provide excellent opportunities for collaboration and networking. The March seminar will focus on the role of the DRS and on the 2018 professional development programme. The November seminar will focus on celebrating the 2018 school year and preparing for 2019 (including long term planning and opportunities for professional development).

Having Life to the Full (formerly Understanding Sexuality)

The purpose of this course is to explore Church teaching in the area of human sexuality including how this fits in the primary and secondary school classroom. The course begins by exploring Christian love and includes discussion of topical issues in the area of human sexuality including gender, homosexuality, marriage, digital citizens and sexuality, bioethics and abortion. This NCRS course is offered in 2018 to any teachers who wish to complete it.

RE501 - Religious Education Today (TCI - Level 5, 10 credits)

This paper will introduce participants to the philosophy of the Catholic school, the role of the teacher, the principles, general aims, contexts, teaching approaches, assessment and language of Religious Education by examining the Religious Education Curriculum Statements for Catholic primary and secondary schools.

The Role of the DRS Workshop

The purpose of this workshop is to explore the role of the Director of Religious Studies in a Catholic Primary School. The workshop is designed for those new to the role of DRS and for those aspiring to the role or who would like to learn more about the role. The workshop will provide clarity around expectations and responsibilities (informed in particular by the Integration Act and the DRS Handbook) and will include sharing from current Directors of Religious Studies.

Schools Cluster Meeting

2 Cluster Meetings are included in the 2018 Professional Development programme. The first meeting (May) will be presented by Colin MacLeod from NCRS who will provide an overview of the Religious Education Bridging Document, highlighting the most significant shifts in pedagogy and philosophy. The second meeting (September) will be presented by staff from NZCEO and CSES who will provide an overview of the 2017 Edition of the Catholic Special Character Review for Development document which includes expectations and requirements around internal evaluation and external review - the content will be relevant to members of Boards of Trustees and to all staff in both primary and secondary schools.

Servant Leaders in Catholic Schools (formerly Catholic Young Leaders) Workshop - SLiCS

This workshop is designed to build student leadership in Catholic Character with a focus on liturgy. The DRS will attend this workshop with a small group of students selected in particular to support in the task of preparing and leading school celebrations. There is a maximum registration of 50 students per workshop. Please contact us directly if you wish to register more than 10 students from your school.