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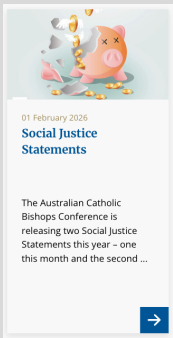


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Term 1 2026

Date	Presenter	Topic and Details
Term 1 Week 3 12th February 3:45-4:45	Name: Jo-anne van der Voort Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Primary Contact details: jvandervoort@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: <u>Introduction to Scripture</u> Details: This session will cover the basics of a Catholic Christian approach to teaching scripture. Audience: It is suited to those both new and experienced in the teaching RE. This is a repeat of the session held in 2025. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.5 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.25
Term 1 Week 3 12th February 7:00-8:00pm	Name: Sarah Page Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Social Justice Contact details: spage@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Registration: You will need to pre register for this webinar session by visiting the Diocese Website linked below, and once there, scroll down to 'Latest News' and click on the 01 February 2026 Social Justice Statements button.  https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/	Topic: <u>Australian Catholic Bishops Conference February 9 2026 Social Justice Statement: The Cost of Our Living: Economic & Social Justice for Our Common Good</u> Diocese of Ballarat Launch Webinar Details: The Ballarat Diocese Social Justice Commission warmly welcome you to join them for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference February 9 2026 Social Justice Statement: The Cost of Our Living: Economic & Social Justice for Our Common Good Diocese of Ballarat Launch Webinar. Audience: Everyone TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 1
Term 1 Week 4 19th February 3:45-4:45	Names: Kim Hawkes & Jo-anne van der Voort Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Primary Contact details: jvandervoort@dobcel.catholic.edu.au & khawkes@dobcel.catholic.edu.au	Topic: <u>Supporting Post-critical Belief During Holy Week and Easter</u> Details: This session will reflect on the guidelines for teaching Scripture from the National Catholic Education Commission (NCEC) and how this informs our work in the contemporary classroom during Holy Week and Easter. Audience: Suited to classroom teachers of RE and those with a leadership role in Catholic schools.

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Term 1 Week 5 26th February 3:45-4:45	Name: Sarah Page Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Social Justice Contact details: spage@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: <u>An Introduction to Laudato Si' - What is Laudato Si'?</u> Details: In this session, participants will be introduced to <i>Laudato Si'</i> and its key themes, including the two ethical pillars that underpin its message. By engaging with chapter summaries through a Christian ethical lens, participants will deepen their understanding of the encyclical's call to ecological conversion and integral ecology. The session also offers an opportunity to practise synodal listening, discerning, and responding, fostering a meaningful encounter with the responsibilities highlighted in <i>Laudato Si'</i> . Audience: This session is intended for new or returning staff who were not involved in their school's Laudato Si' introductory formation in 2025. It offers an essential foundation for understanding and engaging with the Laudato Si' Action Plan journey. Staff from schools commencing their Laudato Si' formation in 2026 are not required to attend. If you are unsure where your school is currently placed in its Laudato Si' Action Plan journey, please consult your Principal or Religious Education Leader, or contact me at spage@dobcel.catholic.edu.au . TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.25 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.75
Term 1 Week 6 5th March 3:45-4:45	Name: Bernadette Tolan Role: Education Officer: Secondary RE. Contact details: btolan@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: <u>RSE & RRRR</u> (issue to be decided) Details: The details of this meeting will be developed during the term Audience: All RE teachers as well as any other teachers involved in the teaching of RSE and RRRR. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.25 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.5
Term 1 Week 7 12th March 3:45-4:45	Name: Bernadette Luckman Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Primary Contact details: bluckman@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: <u>Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI): Introduction to the ECSI Scales</u> Details: This session will cover the basics of the ECSI scales. Audience: Those new to ECSI or those who want to brush up on the terms and their meanings. This is a repeat of the session held in 2025. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 1.0 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): - Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): -

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Term 1 Week 8 19th March 3:45-4:45	Name: Gina Bernasconi Role: Enhancing Catholic School Identity Ed Officer Contact details: gbernasconi@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: An introduction to Post-Critical Belief Details: this session will promote ways of understanding and approaching faith from a critically responsible perspective. Audience: Those new to Catholic Education Ballarat and who are prepared to be vulnerable in this space. This is a repeat of the session held in 2025. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 1.0 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI):
Term 1 Week 9 26th March 3:45-4:45	Name: Bernadette Luckman Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Primary Contact details: bluckman@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: Recontextualisation of Scripture through Art Details: This professional learning activity will review the five criteria for recontextualisation (from ECSI) and apply it to scripture and modern images. This is a repeat of the session held in 2025. Audience: This session will suit teachers who wish to extend their knowledge of the ECSI Melbourne Scale beyond the basics. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.5 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): - Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.5
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Date	Presenter	Topic and Details
Term 2 Week 2 30th April 4:00-5:00	Name: Chris McCumstie Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer Contact details: cmccumstie@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE DOC THEN CLICK ON THE LINK.	Topic: Poetry and Prayer Details: A look at prayer through the poetry of RS Thomas, developing the spiritual capacity of teachers to lead and teach prayer. Audience: Suitable for teachers and leaders of RE TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): .25 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): .25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): .5
Term 2 Week 3 7th May 4:00-5:00	Name: Sarah Page Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Social Justice Contact details: spage@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE DOC THEN CLICK ON THE LINK.	Topic: Laudato Si' Week 2026 From Hope to Action: Educators as Agents of Ecological Conversion Details: A prayerful and practical formation experience inviting educators to move from hope to action during Laudato Si' Week 2026. Grounded in ecological spirituality, Catholic Social Teaching, and synodal listening, participants will reflect, discern, and connect with local realities.

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Term 2 Week 4 14th May 4:00-5:00	Name: Bernadette Tolan Role: Education Officer: Secondary RE. Contact details: btolan@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE DOC THEN CLICK ON THE LINK.	Topic: RSE & RRRR Details: <u>Making Adjustments for the Context.</u> Audience: All RE teachers as well as any other teachers involved in the teaching of RSE and RRRR. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.25 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.5
Term 2 Week 5 21st May 4:00-5:00	Name: Kim Hawkes Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Primary Contact details: khawkes@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE DOC THEN CLICK ON THE LINK.	Topic: Reimagining Mary Details: This session will explore the development of the traditional prayer - Hail Mary - across time and ways that Mary, mother of Jesus, might be reimagined through recontextualising the traditional prayer, through music and images. This is a repeat of the session held in Term 4, 2025. Audience: Suited to teachers of RE and school leaders. This PD has been conducted in some primary schools in the Northern Zone in 2025. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.5 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.25
Term 2 Week 6 28th May 4:00-5:00	Names: Justin McInerney & Jo-anne van der Voort Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Primary Contact details: jmcinerney@dobcel.catholic.edu.au & jvandervoort@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE DOC THEN CLICK ON THE LINK.	Topic: Supporting Catholic Identity in Small Schools Details: This session will explore the uniqueness of smaller schools and communities. It will consider the challenges & opportunities around developing the Catholic identity in their community. Audience: Suited to teachers and school leaders in small schools. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.5 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.25
Term 2 Week 7 4th June 4:00-5:00	Name: Bernadette Luckman Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Primary Contact details: bluckman@dobcel.catholic.edu.au	Topic: Foundations and Renovations: The Story of the Catholic Church Details: This session will explore the connections between Judaism and the early Christians. It will look at the development of the Catholic faith and major events of the

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Term 3 Week 3 30th July 3:45-4:45	Name: Jim Waight Role: Education Officer Formation for Mission Contact details: Jim Waight Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: Purpose, Vision and Mission of Catholic Education Details: Investigate The NCEC document: Life to the Full: The mission and purpose of Catholic schools - NCEC Audience: Suited to any member of staff who would like to explore the Vision and Mission of Catholic Education TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 1.00
Term 3 Week 4 6th August 3:45-4:30	Name: Bernadette Tolan Role: Education Officer: Secondary RE. Contact details: btolan@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: RSE & RRRR - Session 1 Details: Session 1 of 5, delivered by Drew Hanger from Jesuit Social Services. Each week will explore a different aspect of the Man Box project. Audience: All RE teachers as well as any other teachers involved in the teaching of RSE and RRRR. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.25 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.5
Term 3 Week 5 13th August 3:45-4:45	Name: Sarah Page Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Social Justice Contact details: spage@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: Season of Creation 2026: Living Water – Faith, Ecology, and Action Details: As we prepare for the Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October) , this session invites participants to deepen their understanding of water as a sacred gift . Through theological reflection, ecological awareness, and a justice lens, participants will explore how the theme Living Water calls Catholic communities to faith-filled and practical responses in both school and personal life. Audience: This session is designed for staff, classroom teachers , and anyone interested in engaging more deeply with the Season of Creation 2026 theme. TAP Categories:

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Term 3 Week 6 20th August 3:45-4:30	Name: Bernadette Tolan Role: Education Officer: Secondary RE. Contact details: btolan@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: RSE & RRRR - Session 2 Details: Session 2 of 5, delivered by Drew Hanger from Jesuit Social Services. Each week will explore a different aspect of the Man Box project. Audience: All RE teachers as well as any other teachers involved in the teaching of RSE and RRRR. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.25 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.5
Term 3 Week 8 3rd September 3:45-4:30	Name: Bernadette Tolan Role: Education Officer: Secondary RE. Contact details: btolan@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: RSE & RRRR - Session 3 Details: Session 3 of 5, delivered by Drew Hanger from Jesuit Social Services. Each week will explore a different aspect of the Man Box project. Audience: All RE teachers as well as any other teachers involved in the teaching of RSE and RRRR. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.25 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.5
Term 3 Week 9 10th September 3:45-4:45	Name: Chris McCumstie Role: RE Ed Officer Contact details: cmccumstie@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: Sacramentality in Poetry Details: An exploration of sacramentality through the poetry of the Jesuit priest poet Gerard Manley Hopkins Audience: Suitable for any staff interested in exploring a sacramental world view, the beauty of God's creation, and the creative works of Hopkins. English & RE teachers may especially benefit from this exploration. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): .25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): .75
Term 4 2026		
Date	Presenter	Topic and Details
Term 4 Week 1 8th October 3:30-4:30	Name: Bernadette Tolan Role: Education Officer: Secondary RE. Contact details: btolan@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: RSE & RRRR - Session 4 Details: Session 4 of 5, delivered by Dino Martiniello from Jesuit Social Services. Each week will explore a different aspect of the Man Box project. Audience: All RE teachers as well as any other teachers involved in the teaching of RSE and RRRR. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.25 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.25

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Term 4 Week 2 15th October 3:45-4:45	Name: Bernadette Luckman Role: CI&M Education Officer: Primary Contact details: bluckman@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: How to Lead Classroom Prayer Details: This session will give practical suggestions for application of the Ten Characteristics of Prayer in classrooms. Audience: Suitable for primary & secondary staff members who lead students in prayer TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.4 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.4 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.2
Term 4 Week 3 22nd October 3:30-4:30	Name: Bernadette Tolan Role: Education Officer: Secondary RE. Contact details: btolan@ceoballarat.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting	Topic: RSE & RRRR - Session 5 Details: Session 5 of 5, delivered by Dino Martiniello from Jesuit Social Services . Each week will explore a different aspect of the Man Box project. Audience: All RE teachers as well as any other teachers involved in the teaching of RSE and RRRR. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.25 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): 0.25 Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.5
Term 4 Week 4 29th October 4:00-5:00	STILL TO COME Name: Role: Contact details: Meeting Link:	Topic: Details: Audience: TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI):
Term 4 Week 5 5th November 4:00-5:00	Name: Bernadette Luckman Role: Catholic Identity and Mission Education Officer: Primary Contact details: bluckman@dobcel.catholic.edu.au Meeting Link: Join Meeting PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE DOC THEN CLICK ON THE LINK.	Topic: Foundations and Renovations: The Story of the Catholic Church Details: This session will explore the connections between Judaism and the early Christians. It will look at the development of the Catholic faith and major events of the Church. Audience: Suited to any member of staff who wishes to be more informed about the Catholic Church and its development over time. TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): 0.5 Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 0.5
Term 4 Week 6 12th November 4:00-5:00	STILL TO COME Name: Role: Contact details: Meeting Link:	Topic: Details: Audience: TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD):

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Term 4 Week 7 19th November 4:00-5:00	STILL TO COME Name: Role: Contact details: Meeting Link:	Topic: Details: Audience: TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI):
Term 4 Week 8 26th November 4:00-5:00	STILL TO COME Name: Role: Contact details: Meeting Link:	Topic: Details: Audience: TAP Categories: The aims and objectives of the Catholic school (AO): Catholic curriculum, Religious Education and faith development (FD): Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI):

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Originally scheduled for - Term 3 Week 8 3rd September 3:45-4:45

Name: Jim Waight

Role: Education Officer: Formation for Mission

Contact details: Jim Waight

Meeting Link:

Topic: **Francis for Today**

Details: The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is on October 4th. Participants who join this Professional Learning experience will explore the life of St Francis, what Franciscan spirituality is and what they offer to us today.

Audience:

TAP Categories:

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Catholic identity, culture, tradition and theology (CI): 1.00