

To: The Principals

All Schools

From: Dr Christopher Cotter

Director of Religious Education

Subject: RENEWAL OF ACCREDITATION 2020

Date: 25 March 2020

As a result of the unforeseen and unexpected challenges due to the COVID-19 virus we wish to reassure all staff regarding their Accreditation.

In order to support staff during these demanding times principals and line managers are asked to make allowances for staff who cannot complete or renew their Accreditation during 2020. It may be necessary to extend their completion and renewal dates into 2021.

Many courses have been postponed both at schools and at the Catholic Education Office (CEO) for the time being. To support staff into the future there will be a number of online courses developed during the year. School and office staff are reminded that there are existing online and distance mode tertiary opportunities for them to access through Catholic universities and Institutes around Australia.

Please be informed of BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education (BBI-TAITE) Catholic Correspondence courses as outlined below. These online courses provide non-award Accreditation and courses for ongoing renewal.

BBI-TAITE Catholic Correspondence courses provide non-tertiary level education to students across Australia by distance education. Students can do as many or as few courses as they wish. Each course is an independent unit and staff can choose from the courses under the following headings that are approved for Accreditation. As with the non-award courses through the CEO Office three of these courses will satisfy the requirements for Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School.

Courses under the following headings are approved for non-award Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School.

Biblical Studies
Christian Ethics
Church History
Liturgy
Theology

Approved only for ongoing renewal are Christian Spirituality

Enrolment in Catholic Correspondence courses can occur at any time during the year.



For enrolment enquiries, please contact Belinda Srour at BBI-TAITE:

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Course Costs

Australian Students: \$275 per unit (\$250 + \$25 GST)
 Overseas Students: \$330 per unit (\$300 + \$30 GST)
 Discounted Rate: \$220 per unit (\$200 + \$20 GST)

https://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/faith-formation/catholic-correspondence/catholic-correspondence-courses/