Information for Students

In 2016 the Catholic Schools Office, Diocese of Lismore, will offer selected 4th year students the opportunity to participate in a mentor based program designed to provide the best possible preparation immediately prior to teaching.

Selected students will engage with the class and the class teacher in an intense three week period of team teaching specifically designed to prepare the student teacher for imminent employment in the workforce. This is not an Internship arrangement where the student teaches alone for most of the period. Student and teacher are together, working closely, with the student learning on the job and completing tasks as directed. Ready to Teach will be offered in Term 4 of 2016 as part of the National Partnership Teacher Quality.

The student teacher is not formally assessed however the Catholic Schools Office will use the Ready to Teach program to assess individual potential for employment in the Diocese of Lismore. Future employment is not guaranteed however the program will assist the student teacher for their future role as a teacher.

Student teachers will be placed with high quality teachers and will be expected to participate fully in the life of the class, work closely with the teacher under teacher and principal direction, teach and observe lessons and engage with parents and other staff.

This is an ideal opportunity to learn on the job with expert practitioners. It is a chance to participate in a workplace experience covering all aspects of teaching in a supportive environment.

Eligibility Criteria Ready to Teach

Students must be in their final year and have successfully completed their final formal practicum experience. In addition students wishing to apply for Ready to Teach consideration must:

- Be willing to teach in a Catholic school on graduation
- Have the support of the 4th year university coordinator/course coordinator
- Have exemplary practicum reports
- Demonstrate strong motivation to teach in a Catholic school
- Be willing to travel within the diocese.
Benefits of Ready to Teach

Students engaged in *Ready to Teach* will:

- Experience the faith filled life in a Catholic school and understand the importance of Catholic identity
- Plan for and teach Religious Education on the same basis as the class teacher
- Work in paid employment for three weeks
- Have no university assessments associated with the program
- Network with quality teachers in a safe and supportive environment
- Be able to work on their own teaching style, learn from an expert and receive honest feedback on performance
- Be expected to make themselves available for further employment in the Diocese of Lismore on graduation if a suitable position is offered.

Application Details

The *Ready to Teach* program requires candidates to complete an application form attaching additional information as required.

The application form can be downloaded from [www.lism.catholic.edu.au](http://www.lism.catholic.edu.au) and follow the Employment link.

The application form can be forwarded to:

Paul Wilson | Education Consultant
Ready to Teach Program
Catholic Schools Office
PO Box 158
Lismore NSW 2480

Or email to mmurphy@lism.catholic.edu.au

Applications close on Friday 17 June 2016.

Applications will be assessed by a Catholic Schools Office panel. Note that the 4th year coordinator or course director will be contacted in respect of the application. Please advise the coordinator or course director of the intention to apply. Applicants may be required to attend an interview.

Successful candidates will be notified by Friday 5 August 2016.

The *Ready to Teach* program will be offered in Term 4 from week 3, Monday 24 October 2016.