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Dear Principals and Religious Education Leaders, hello and welcome to term 3!

This letter is to inform you of the **Religious Education and Pedagogy program (REAP)** that will be offered in 2023/24 (a two-year cycle). It will also provide you with the opportunity, *via a google form (below)*, to identify the number of staff you would enroll in REAP for 2023/24.

Our REAP provider and partner, the University of Divinity, requires that we guarantee and fund a minimum of 15 places if we are to offer the program in any single location.

REAP is a face-to-face program for assisting teachers in Catholic schools and colleges (F-12) to gain (or maintain) *Accreditation to Teach Religious Education or Lead in a Catholic School*.

If seeking an online option, please visit the ACU website for the *Grad Cert. in Catholic Studies*.

Our REAP course provider is Yarra Theological Union (YTU) which is part of the University of Divinity. The course provided by YTU is the *Graduate Certificate to Teach Religious Education (GCTRE)* which consists of 4 units – one unit per semester over two years.

The GCTRE can lead onto further university studies e.g., Masters programs.

- Secondary participants' unit costs and accommodation are fully covered through Secondary levies.
- Primary participants' Diocesan Sponsorship for REAP will include 2/3's of unit costs and schools pay the remaining 1/3.

Secondary and primary participants who apply for accommodation costs (secondaries via Secondary levies, Primaries via Diocesan Sponsorship) will receive \$150 twin share, or \$75 single.

- Schools/Colleges will be required to cover the costs of teacher release and meals.

Participants are required to arrange their own accommodation and reimbursement, if needed, will be lodged with schools.

In 2023/24, we are interested in offering the GCTRE in two venues: Ballarat and Mildura.

Please access a google form [here](#) to identify yourself, your school/college, the number of participants from your school/college who would enroll for REAP and your preferred location, **Ballarat** or **Mildura**.

At this point all we're seeking to do is to secure at least 15 guaranteed participants (all things considered) for REAP to proceed in either/both locations.

We require your responses by Friday July 22nd.

Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me:

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Ever blessings,

Matt Byrne and Gina Bernasconi

*As partners in
Catholic education
and open to God's presence,
we pursue fullness of life for all.*