

ReLATE Expression of interest 2023/2024



The Diocese of Ballarat continues to partner with MacKillop Family Services and The MacKillop Institute to implement the ReLATE (Reframe the Learning and Teaching Environment) Model.

Schools who have already engaged in the ReLATE Model identify key improvements such as:

- Enabling safe relationships within the school climate through ReLATE community circles to address emotional intelligence, social learning, democracy, open communication, social responsibility, purpose, growth and change.
- Establishing School Implementation Teams to localise and develop a safe and stress-countering environment for students and adults in the school community where individuals and teams within the school are better able to work, grow and flourish.
- Empowering teachers to build their confidence in creating a growth-promoting climate where individuals can move forward and be capable of becoming their true self.
- Growth in staff confidence to engage student voice in the process of developing self-awareness and self-regulation.

The ReLATE model provides trauma-informed education and supports the implementation of a consistent school-wide approach to teaching, learning and wellbeing practices. This includes:

- A Discovery and Insights Report
- Participant workbooks for Day 1 and 2 professional learning days
- Four staff professional learning days
- Ongoing staff training days
- A school implementation team planning day per year for three years
- Online learning portal with additional teacher resources, videos, and research Articles

The following link provides further detail about ReLATE

<https://www.mackillop.org.au/uploads/Service-documents/Institute/ReLATE-Reframing-Learning-Teaching-Environments-Guide-Mar21.pdf>

Currently 29 DOBCEL schools have commenced their engagement with MacKillop Family Services in the ReLATE (Rethinking Learning and Teaching Environments) whole school culture change model. CEB Leadership is committed to the engagement of all DOBCEL schools in the ReLATE model. For Primary schools, a 4-year roll out of ReLATE has been budgeted for on the understanding that the program cost would be shared by CEB and participating schools with schools to fund \$6,000 in each of the three years of their initial engagement with MacKillop Family Services and CEB to contribute the remaining \$22 518 of the total program cost. Costing for Secondary schools will be negotiated in partnership with CEB and MacKillop Insititute.

The commitment of 2 whole school closure days in the first year of engagement is a significant one. It has been agreed that the 2 ReLATE school closure days would be seen as additions to the prescribed 4 school closure days planned in 2023/2024.

Schools who would like to include ReLATE in their 2023 or 2024 plans are invited to contact Tony Perkins or Liz McIntyre to clarify arrangements.

To confirm your Expression of Interest in ReLATE in 2023 or 2024 via tperkins@dobcel.catholic.edu.au or lmcintyre@dobcel.catholic.edu.au by Friday 16th September, 2022.