

# FORMATION FOR MISSION IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION

1. Is “formation of the heart” that is characterised by prayerfulness and reflection.
2. Is respectful, experiential and relevant, building on participants personal story and everyday reality.
3. Is explicitly Christological, scripturally rich and ecclesially grounded.
4. Has an effective focus on a person’s faith journey and discipleship.
5. Has substantive theological content.
6. Sets out to build communal Catholic religious identity and culture.
7. Is differentiated according to individual and community needs.
8. Promotes personal vocation, connection with the Catholic Tradition and responsive to mission.
9. Develops the willingness, confidence and capacities of participants in their roles to serve the mission of Catholic school education.

- NCEC Framework for Mission in Catholic Education, P. 14



## What could formation experiences look like in your school?

- > Whole school closure days or a number of days
- > After school opportunities suited to the needs of the school or a number of schools
  - > Spirituality and retreat experiences
- > Setting up ways to ensure that formation at your school is intentional, ongoing and reflective
  - > Formation for Mission is responsive to your school’s Annual Action Plan in an ongoing intentional way.



## WHAT IS FORMATION?

*“Formation generally refers to a set of experiences designed to prepare a person or group for a particular purpose. In preference to a word like ‘training’, ‘formation’ is most often used in the context of spiritual development and conjures images of a deep learning that involves attitudes, values, commitments to a particular life direction as well as knowledge and skills.” - Gowdie p.8*

## What are some possible areas/themes for formation experiences?

- > Ecological Spirituality
- > Catholic Social Teaching
- > Charism
- > Pope Francis - the voice of a prophet
- > Christian Meditation
- > An Educator's Guide to Contemplation!
- > Ignation Spirituality
- > The WHO of the Educator
- > Coming to the Well – Sabbath times in our Lives
- > Other areas as determined by the school

For further information on the formation needs of your school, please contact;

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Catholic Education Ballarat is excited to introduce Formation for Mission 2023.

The following overview is intended to assist schools in planning and implementing Formation opportunities for their staff for 2023 and beyond.

The needs and context of every school will inform the who, what, why and how of formation and what it looks like at your school. The following points may provide a springboard for discussion and planning for your community heading into the future.

Formation for Mission in our Diocese is informed by the theology of The Enhancing Catholic School Identity Project. Together with Religious Education, Formation for Mission is an essential component of building the Catholic Identity and Mission of your school.

*Formation experiences can contribute to maintaining accreditation.*