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Circular to all Principals and School Governors of Victorian Catholic Schools

Catholic School Pre-service Teacher Placement Grant Program available in 2025

Main Points

- The Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA) in partnership with Catholic school proprietors across the state has launched a Pre-service Teacher Placement Grant Program to support preservice teacher placements in eligible Catholic schools in 2025.
- The Catholic sector wants to ensure the next generation of teachers are supported to have choice in where they undertake their placement.
- The Catholic Pre-service Teacher Placement Grant is available to PSTs enrolled in a VIT-accredited initial teacher education (ITE) degree (or an equivalent regulatory authority recognised by the VIT), completing their teaching placement in an eligible regional, remote or specialist Victorian Catholic school between 28 January 2025 and 31 December 2025.
- The Pre-service Teacher Placement Grant Program will ensure that eligible pre-service teachers are able to access equal support regardless of whether they do their placement in a Catholic school or a government school.
- Announcing details of the program now will support course providers, schools and pre-service teachers with planning for 2025.
- Eligibility reflects the approach taken by the state government with its placement grants.
- Not all schools will be eligible for the program. Please visit <u>CEVN</u> to see if your school is eligible.
- Eligible schools will be contacted by VCEA and their school proprietor directly with further details on the program.

Critical Dates

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Actions Required

Please visit CEVN to see if your school is eligible.

Contact/Enquiries

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