

Circular to Ballarat Diocese principals

Extension of time related to gaining or maintaining CECV Accreditation

Main Points

- Feedback from schools has identified the pressure that all Catholic school communities have experienced in responding to the challenges that Covid has placed on schools.
- In particular much of the professional learning that could occur has had to focus on new technology and associated on-line pedagogies, significantly impacting on other areas of professional learning, including opportunities related to CECV Accreditation.
- All Victorian dioceses will therefore extend the original timeline for those who are gaining or maintaining accreditation during 2020-2021 by 12 months. This will occur at the end of the 2021 school year.
- The decision is intended to allow school staff to catch up on lost professional development time related to gaining or maintaining accreditation that would normally have occurred in the past two years.

Critical Dates

 The extension of time will occur at the end of the 2021 school year, and so will be reflected on each learner profile on TAP by the beginning of the 2022 school year.

Actions Required

- The extra year will be automatically applied on the Teacher Accreditation Platform (TAP), so there is no action needed by school staff.
- Teachers should be informed that this change will occur on their TAP profile.
- Those responsible for professional learning related to Accreditation should be informed so
 that they can factor this into their longer-term planning.

Additional Information

 We would encourage those schools who are still on track to meet a 2024 deadline for their staff to continue their professional learning programs in Theology and Religious Education to enable greater depth of teacher understanding and skill during 2025.

Contact/Enquiries

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