

Br Ronald Fogarty Scholarship Embedded Teacher Formation Experience

The Embedded Teacher Formation Experience is a model that supports Catholic teacher formation through a partnership between participating schools (originally emanating from the NW Federation of schools and parish primary schools from the Sacred Heart Parish St Albans under the direction of then Parish Priest Fr John O'Reilly), the Australian Catholic University and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM).

The model is an embedded year-long program on location within the community of schools for selected pre-service teachers (PST) enrolled in ACU teacher education courses, namely in the 3rd year of the Bachelor of Education (Primary) BEd(Pri). The 12 month program was piloted in 2018 and all parties wish to pursue this program into future.

The objectives for PSTs are to develop high quality skills and knowledge, confidence and self-efficacy as teachers and members of profession and a sense of vocation connected to the ecclesial mission of the Catholic school. The objective for schools is to develop a highly supportive learning and formation experience for PSTs. The objective for ACU and CEM is to respond effectively to the national significance of the TEMAG (Accredited Board for Teacher Education Courses) aspirations through this partnership in Initial Teacher Education (ITE) courses. The main aim for this program is to create and prepare PSTs in an innovative ITE format to better prepare Catholic school teachers.

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