



Catholic Education  
Diocese of Cairns

*Learning with Faith and Vision*

## **APPLICATION PACKAGE**

### **Teacher Scholarships**

- **Master of Education  
(Teacher Librarianship)**

**For studies commencing  
Semester 3, 2012 or Semester 1, 2013**



## Master of Education (Teacher Librarianship)

The Master of Education (Teacher Librarianship) is a specialist degree that prepares teachers for professional leadership as teacher librarians in primary and secondary schools. The scholarships offered are an initiative of Catholic Education Services to sponsor a further cohort of five teachers to complete this degree through an Australian Library and Information Association recognised course.

### What is a Teacher Librarian?

The teacher-librarian has a complex, dynamic and challenging role in the school learning community. As a significant leader of learning in the school, personnel employed in this role must actively seek to maintain fluency with curriculum initiatives, emerging information and learning technologies, and inquiry based models of learning. A teacher librarian needs to be committed to enriching and responding to the learning and teaching needs across the school. A successful teacher librarian is an enabler, collaborating with and supporting teachers to incorporate information literacy, literature, print and digital resources in curriculum delivery.

In summary Teacher-Librarians:-

- work collaboratively with teachers to plan and teach programs to facilitate learning that supports delivery of required curriculum
- assist students to become critical, discerning, ethical users of information aware of their responsibilities as digital citizens
- are information specialists who select, organise, create and customize resources for inquiry based curriculum across the school
- are skilled practitioners who enable the provision of a range of information services across a school and into the wider school learning community that can be accessed anywhere/ anytime

### **The Australian School Library Association Statement on Teacher Librarians**

*“Teacher librarians support and implement the vision of their school communities through advocating and building effective library and information services and programs that contribute to the development of lifelong learners. A teacher librarian holds recognised teaching qualifications and qualifications in librarianship, defined as eligibility for Associate (i.e. professional) membership for the Australian Library and Information Association [ALIA]. Within the broad fields of education and librarianship, teacher librarians are uniquely qualified. This is valuable because curriculum knowledge and pedagogy are combined with library and information management knowledge and skills.”<sup>1</sup>*

The **[‘Standards of professional excellence for teacher librarians’](#)**<sup>2</sup> [published online] represent the goals to which all Australian teacher librarians can aspire, and provides inspiration for quality teaching and ongoing professional practice for those already in the field.

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<sup>1</sup> [ALIA/ASLA statement on teacher librarians in Australia](#) (2002)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.asla.org.au/policy/standards.htm>



### Scholarship benefits

Upon successful completion of each unit, a payment of \$250 per unit at the rate of two units per year will be available to approved applicants. A total of eight units will be subsidised. Tax invoices, proof of payment and proof of successful completion of units are required. **Application for payment must be submitted within 2 months of the successful completion of each unit.**

To assist with placement commitments, a total of two days release time per year, per approved applicant is also available.

### Through which University can I study?

Master level courses in Teacher Librarianship are offered through:

- Queensland University of Technology (QUT) : [The Master of Education \(Teacher Librarianship\)](#) QUT works on two semesters per year.
- Charles Sturt University (CSU) : Master of Education (Teacher Librarianship). For details please visit [http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/teacher\\_librarianship\\_education/course-overview](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/teacher_librarianship_education/course-overview) CSU works on three sessions per year.

### When does study commence?

QUT: Semester 1, 2013 Classes begin, 27 February 2013.

CSU: Semester 3, 2012 Classes begin 12 November 2012; Semester 1, 2013 Classes begin February 2013

### How long does the course take to complete?

The course must be completed in 4 years to access the scholarship program provided by Catholic Education Services.

### What if I do not finish the course?

Failure to successfully complete a minimum of 4 units, in the allocated time frame of 4 years, of the Master of Education Teacher Librarian course, may require that scholarship funds received be repaid to Catholic Education Services. In the event that extenuating circumstances jeopardize your ability to complete the minimum requirements, you are required to notify the *Assistant Executive Director Learning & Teaching* at Catholic Education Services immediately to discuss options.

### How do I attend classes?

Study is completed externally and online. Regular access to suitable computer and internet access is imperative. Attendance at any orientation days at the start of each semester is optional.

### Who is there to support me?

- CES Resource Centre Manager
- Study Support group with other Cairns CES TL students
- Your Study Area Coordinator and fellow students online
- Online and telephone support from lecturers

### What Commitment is needed to return to study?

- At least 5 – 10 hours study a week per unit is recommended
- An additional financial commitment if you opt to travel or take leave to meet placement requirements



## What units will I study?

### Queensland University of Technology

Code	Unit
CLN646	Learning hubs
CLN647	Youth, popular culture and texts
EDN611	Professional applications of research
CLN601	Cyberlearning
CLN650	Information-Learning Nexus
INN533	Designing spaces for learning
CLN603	Information organization
CLN659	Children's literature: criticism and practice
	60 hours placement over duration of course

### Charles Sturt University

ETL401	Teacher librarianship
ETL501	Information Environment
ETL504	Teacher librarian as leader
ETL505	Bibliographic Standards in Schools
ETL507	Professional experience/professional portfolio*
EER500	Introduction to educational research (MEdTL)
ETL402	Literature in Education (Elective)
ETL411	ICT Experience (Elective)
INF506	Social Networking for Information Professionals (Elective)
ETL503	Resourcing the curriculum
ETL507	Professional experience/professional portfolio*
ETL523	Digital citizenship in schools (Elective)

\* requires a 10 day placement in a library (school or public) and attendance at a 4 day study visit organised by CSU. Travel may be required to attend however you may negotiate with CSU to complete an individual project that can be achieved locally <http://www.csu.edu.au/handbook/handbook12/subjects/ETL507.html>

### Course contacts for further information

**QUT** Teacher Librarianship Study Area Coordinator: Dr Hilary Hughes [h.hughes@qut.edu.au](mailto:h.hughes@qut.edu.au) (07) 3138 3266  
Course applications close 15 November, 2012  
(late applications accepted with \$50 late processing fee)

**CSU** Teacher Librarian Courses Director : Judy O'Connell [juoconnell@csu.edu.au](mailto:juoconnell@csu.edu.au) (02) 6933 4084  
Course applications for:-

Semester 3, 2012 close 1 September – 30 September, 2012;

Semester 1, 2013 close 31 October, 2012

Frequently asked questions: <http://www.csu.edu.au/apply/faq>

CSU Important Dates <http://www.csu.edu.au/about/important-dates>



### APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CES SCHOLARSHIP – Master of Education (Teacher-Librarianship)

- ❖ Your application should include:
  - A detailed response to the selection criteria below, particularly criteria 4 to 7
  - A current curriculum vitae
  - Contact details for two referees – one of which is your current Principal
- ❖ Applications that address the selection criteria need to be submitted via email by **5.00pm – Monday 27 August 2012**. No applications after that date will be considered
- ❖ Applications will be reviewed by a Panel
- ❖ Shortlisted applicants may be invited for interview
- ❖ Offers will be made to successful applicants **by Monday 10 September, 2012**. All applicants will be advised of their status

#### Selection Criteria for scholarship application:

1. Eligibility for entry to a Masters program:  
**QUT**: - an appropriate four-year Bachelor degree or equivalent at a standard acceptable to the Executive Dean  
OR  
- a three-year Bachelor degree or equivalent at a standard acceptable to the Executive Dean PLUS at least one year of appropriate professional or industrial experience  
<http://www.courses.qut.edu.au/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Courses.woa/wa/selectMajorFromMain?courseID=13250>  
**CSU**: Admission requirements  
[http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/teacher\\_librarianship\\_education/admission-requirements](http://www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/teacher_librarianship_education/admission-requirements)
2. Continuing status as an exemplary teacher in Cairns Catholic Education
3. Teaching experience of at least 5 years in Catholic schools/colleges
4. A desire to gain qualifications that **may lead** to a career as a teacher librarian with demonstrated commitment to enriching teaching and learning across the school
5. A demonstrated high level of competency with a range of educational technologies and fluency with a variety of media formats i.e. print and digital
6. A demonstrated up-to-date knowledge of emerging Australian Curriculum and understanding of how the school library and teacher-librarian role could support teachers in delivery of the new curriculum
7. A demonstrated capacity to be a successful collaborator, prepared to work with teachers to incorporate information literacy, literature and technologies into the curriculum

For further information please contact:

**Fran Hughes, Resource Centre Manager**

Ph: 07 4050 9729

Email: [fhughes@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fhughes@cns.catholic.edu.au)

Applications should be submitted to:

**Acting Assistant Executive Director Learning and Teaching**

c/- Diocesan Resource Centre, PO Box 5296, Cairns 4870

Or via [fhughes@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fhughes@cns.catholic.edu.au)

Applications should also be emailed to your Principal.

**Closing Date for Applications – Monday 27 August 2012**



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