

Bishop's Inservice Day

Each year, all staff are required to attend an inservice day, traditionally called 'The Bishop's Inservice Day'. This is a faith development day and one that counts towards the inservice hours required by teachers to qualify to teach Religion in a Catholic School. It is a pupil-free day.

Teachers from all the Catholic Schools in the local area, as well as any interested parishioners, listen to a number of speakers on various religious topics, all related to the chosen theme for the day. This day is held, usually in Term 1, and on different dates at each main city in the Diocese. The day is arranged by the Head of Religious Education in the Rockhampton Diocesan Office. A bus, carrying the Bishop (if available), the Director of Catholic Education, those from the Rockhampton Catholic Education Office Religious Education Department and any other invited speakers, travels around the Diocese over approximately a one week period, for these inservice days.

The presentation includes in the first session, talks from the Bishop of Rockhampton, the Director of Catholic Education and finally from the main guest speaker of the day. The two remaining sessions of the day, involve participants attending workshops chosen from a selection of speakers and topics, prior to the day. Speakers can also be local teachers or parishioners.

This day is usually held at Chanel College who also host morning tea and lunch for all attendees. Individual schools pay for the food for their own staff.

These days are always very stimulating and enlightening, with a very diverse selection of workshops to suit all attendees, whether they are teachers, teacher aides, workers within the Catholic system or parishioners.

The Rockhampton Cathedral College Bookstore provides a quality display of resources for classrooms and individuals for attendees to purchase or order.