Teaching Religious Education in a Catholic school:

Your questions answered!
How do I know what to teach?
Religious Education is as rigorous as any other domain in the Victorian Essential Learning Standards, with dimensions and standards at different levels.

The Religious Education curriculum in the Sale Diocese is called *Journeying Together in Hope*.

*Journeying Together in Hope* has a strong social justice focus, encouraging students to play their part in making our world a more just and peaceful place. There are 8 content strands in the curriculum: God, Jesus Christ, Christian Life, Christian Prayer, Sacraments, Religion and Society, Scripture and Church.

The teaching methodology used is called Shared Christian Praxis, which means exploring experiences that are familiar to children, sharing the relevant Christian story and vision (e.g., Scripture) and encouraging students to relate these values to their own lives.

What resources are available to help me?
When you begin teaching in a Catholic school, you will receive a Core Document book which outlines the Religious Education Curriculum.

Each unit contains a set of outcomes, links to other VELS domains, teaching activities, assessment tasks, resources and references to relevant Scripture and Theology.

You will also receive a Teacher Support Folder and Strategies Book designed to support your planning and implementation of the RE curriculum. Most graduates and teachers who are new to the Diocese of Sale find the Strategies Book one of the most helpful general teaching resources they have ever come across.

As well as receiving support from your new Principal and colleagues, you’ll have access to the regular professional development sessions and ongoing assistance offered by the Religious Education team at the Catholic Education Office.

What if I’m not Catholic?
If you are unfamiliar with the beliefs and traditions of the Catholic faith, but are keen to teach in a Catholic school, please contact Kirsty Pitman on 5622 6622 for a free, easy to read guide to Catholicism.

What about Accreditation?
There are two kinds of Accreditation (to teach in a Catholic school and to teach RE) which you can work towards during your university degree or once you obtain a position in a Catholic school. For more information about Accreditation or teaching Religious Education, please contact Rose Duffy on 5622 6624.

Why teach RE?
Religious Education helps young people develop a relationship with God through the person of Jesus Christ and so find meaning in their own lives.

It encourages students to aspire to a life based on the values of hope, compassion, love, forgiveness and acceptance.

*Journeying Together in Hope*