Daniel Ahern began his teaching career at Nar Nar Goon as a private tutor to the O’Brien’s but evolved in time to be the head teacher of a local Catholic school.

Inspector Bonwich visited the Toomuc Creek (Pakenham) school in March 1857. Bonwich found a wattle and daub school building of a wretched description, erected some four years ago at the cost of 50 pounds. It had no floor or windows, he observed, and two large cavities afforded air and light. However, to the Inspector’s surprise, he found, operating within these miserable physical circumstances, a school in a very efficient condition except for understandable defective writing. Bonwich was amazed at the ingenuity of both Ahern and his students who had an utter insufficiency of text books, copy books, writing material and rough slabs of logs for desks.

Daniel continued teaching in the Dandenong area for many years and became one of the most well-known and respected Catholic teachers and laymen of the last century.

The Director of Catholic Education Diocese of Sale, Ms Maria Kirkwood, is proud to offer this bursary to non-teachers in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Sale.

Mature age men and women who hold a non-teaching position in a Catholic School and who wish to train to be qualified teachers may apply for this bursary of $2,000 for one year only to take on an accredited teacher training course.

Criteria

Applicants should

- be employed in a Catholic School in the Diocese of Sale in a full-time or part-time non-teaching position
- be able to demonstrate commitment to Catholic education
- be enrolled in an accredited teacher training course
- have the support of their Principal for this application
- be prepared to return to their school as a qualified teacher on completion of their course.

(Applicants may study part-time and continue in their school employment part-time subject to Principal approval).

Application forms are available from CEO Sale website www.ceosale.catholic.edu.au (go to the Professional Learning link and click on Scholarships and Bursaries) or phone Pauline Low on 5622 6634 or email plow@ceosale.catholic.edu.au

Applications close on Friday 23 October 2015
Daniel Ahern Bursary
2016

Terms and Conditions

- $2,000 for 12 months.

- Failure to complete each semester to a satisfactory standard jeopardises the Bursary.

- It is anticipated that recipients will teach in the Diocese of Sale for a period of three years commencing within three years of graduation.

- As representatives of the Diocese of Sale, recipients are expected to maintain communication with the Catholic Education Office and to participate in arranged meetings and nominated Catholic Education Office events.