Reflecting our commitment to excellence in learning and teaching, Brisbane Catholic Education invites nominations for the inaugural Excellence in Teaching Awards, to be presented in June 2014.

Nominations are sought in seven categories:

• Excellence as a Beginning Teacher
• Outstanding Mentor for Beginning Teachers
• Excellence in Teaching
• Excellence in Leadership for Learning and Teaching
• Team Excellence in Learning and Teaching
• Excellence in Teaching Religious Education
• Outstanding Mentor for Teachers of Religious Education

eligibility

All part-time and full-time teachers and leaders in BCE schools and colleges will be eligible for nomination for the Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Principals and other school leaders will be eligible for nomination for both the Excellence in Leadership for Learning and Teaching Award and the Team Excellence in Learning and Teaching Award.

Individuals may be nominated for more than one award but will be eligible to win only one award.

nominations

Any individual can nominate someone for an award by completing an electronic award nomination form, which will be available on K-Web. Links to the form will also be distributed to all staff. The form must be submitted along with statements from two referees. If the nominee is a teacher or school leader, one statement should be from the Principal of the school. If the Principal is being nominated, one of the referees should be the school’s Area Supervisor.

Nominations will open on 17 March 2014 and will close on 2 May 2014.

selection criteria

Excellence as a Beginning Teacher (one to four years teaching experience)

• Draws on a body of professional knowledge and research to respond to the needs of students in his/her school or college
• Makes learning engaging and valuable and operates effectively at all stages of the teaching and learning cycle
• Demonstrates commitment to learning, collaboration and professionalism in all interactions with students, colleagues, parents and the community.

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Outstanding Mentor for Beginning Teachers

• Draws on a body of professional knowledge and research to respond to the needs of beginning teachers
• Undertakes a planned and consistent approach to the mentoring of beginning teachers
• Demonstrates commitment to learning, collaboration and professionalism in all interactions with beginning teachers.

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Excellence in Teaching (more than four years teaching experience)

• Draws on a body of professional knowledge and research to respond to the needs of students in his/her school or college
• Makes learning engaging and valuable and operates effectively at all stages of the teaching and learning cycle
• Demonstrates commitment to learning, collaboration and professionalism in all interactions with students, colleagues, parents and the community.

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Excellence in Leadership for Learning and Teaching

• Leads learning and teaching that results in the learning progress of each student
• Develops self and others
• Leads school improvement and innovation that results in improved student outcomes.

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Team Excellence in Learning and Teaching

• Demonstrates improvement in student learning due to a co-operative effort of staff, either within one school or across a number of schools and colleges.

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Excellence in Teaching Religious Education

• Draws upon a strong knowledge of religion to respond to the needs of the students in his/her college in the classroom teaching of religion
• Makes Religious Education engaging and meaningful for students by aligning faith, life and culture
• Demonstrates commitment to the teaching and learning of Religion and the Religious Life of the School in interactions with students, colleagues, parents and the community.

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Outstanding Mentor for Teachers of Religious Education

- Draws upon a strong knowledge of Religious Education to assist teachers of the subject
- Undertakes a planned and ongoing approach to the mentoring of teachers of Religious Education
- Demonstrates commitment to the teaching and learning of Religion and the Religious Life of the School in interactions with teachers of Religious Education.

This award is sponsored by the Australian Catholic University.

Judging process

Judging will be based on the selection criteria and the merit of the application and will take place during May 2014.

Judging panels will be formed by Senior staff from BCEO and schools.

Awards ceremony

Winners and finalists will be congratulated at an Archdiocesan Awards Ceremony to be held on 18 June 2014.

Certificates and prizes will be presented by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and BCE Executive Director Pam Betts.

Each individual award winner will be presented with a certificate and a prize of $1,000.

The prize for the team award will be $2,000.

Each finalist will be presented with a certificate and a prize of $200.