523 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS

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Introduction:

The Vatican document The Catholics in School on the Threshold of the Third Millennium (1998), states “Teaching has an extraordinary moral depth and is one of man’s (sic) most excellent and creative activities, for the teacher does not write on inanimate material, but on the very spirit of human beings”. (N. 19)

Regulations:

1. The Principal, as religious leader, is responsible for the Religious Education in Catholic schools within the Archdiocese.

2. The Principal ensures that teachers are selected who will effectively implement the program and contribute to the ethos of the school.

3. The needs of the Religious Education program receive priority in overall staff selection.

4. The Principal provides inservice opportunities, supervision and professional support for Religious Education teachers staff and ensures that every teacher involved in the Religious Education program has a minimum of seven hours of appropriate Religious Education inservice each year.

5. Religious Education teachers are to be accredited to teach Religious Education in a Catholic school and will maintain their accreditation in line with the Queensland Catholic Education Commission policy of July 1996.

6. Only committed Catholic teachers teach the Religious Education in a Catholic school. Prior approval is to be gained from the Assistant Director, Catholic Schools Religious Education and Curriculum for another person to do so.

7. The Assistant to the Principal Religious Education works with the Principal to co-ordinate the development and implementation of the school Religious Education program.

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