

## 2025 Australian Catholic Education Conference Student Art Submission for display in Chapel

National Catholic Education Commission is partnering with host diocese, Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns on the 2025 Australian Catholic Education Conference for 1,500 Catholic educators, leaders, clergy, parents and others from the broader Church involved in Catholic education. The Conference will be held at the Cairns Convention Centre from 20-22 August 2025.

Students are at the heart of this Conference, which is dedicated to exploring how, why, and what you learn. Throughout the program, students will share their hopes and perspectives through videos, panel discussions, and participation in prayer and the Eucharist. This is another opportunity to contribute your voice by creating an artwork that brings the Conference theme to life.

The theme is 'hope, anchored in faith'. Christian hope is a gift from God that fills our lives with joy. Pope Francis tells us that 'hope is like an anchor that you cast over with a rope to be moored on the shore'. Our world needs this hope, and we need to hold onto this rope of hope. How can we 'cast' this hope that God gifts us with, to reach everyone and creation. You might like to have a look at what Pope Francis said when he spoke to people being [Pilgrims of Hope](#) and the new Australian Jubilee [Pilgrims of Hope website](#).

The Conference will be explored across three key areas – Faith, Excellence and Access. The topics explored include our Catholic faith, mission and formation; learning and teaching; leadership and governance; families in our school; our parish and community; our school; sharing God's message; and more.

Students are invited to submit an art piece which represents the theme, key areas or topics above. The types of artwork that you create could take the form of the following (please note the size and time limitations of artworks):

- Artwork: A3-A5 size, paper, canvas, artboard
- Photography: A3-A5 size
- Sculpture: up to 80cm high and 80cm wide
- Music: recorded on mp4, no longer than 5 minutes
- Film: edited and saved at either mp4 or mp5, no longer than 5 minutes

Along with the art piece, students are asked to submit a 50-100-word response on 'hope, anchored in faith' to me means...

Chosen art works will be displayed in the Chapel at the Conference. If students would like their artworks returned in the weeks following the Conference, they will need to note this in the student submission form. Otherwise, the students' artwork will be displayed at CEDC.

**Submission of Art Date: Friday 25 July 2025**

Art pieces with accompanying submission forms are to be delivered to:

Attention: Nikki Barillo

Catholic Education Services – Diocese of Cairns

PO Box 5296 Cairns Qld 4870

**Participation conditions**

- All students in Catholic schools across Australia are invited to participate.
- All entries must contain positive messages and images. Submitted work must not contain any offensive or defamatory material or images.
- Entries must be original work and must not contain any copyrighted material or any intellectual property belonging to others, or infringe on any third party right of privacy. This is including, but not limited to photographs, trademarks or logos.
- Artworks may also be used by CEDC and NCEC after the conference on publications or websites.
- There is no limit to the number of entries a student may submit. Each entry must be clearly marked with an accompanying Entry Form.

Please direct any enquiries to [events@ncec.catholic.edu.au](mailto:events@ncec.catholic.edu.au)

## 2025 Australian Catholic Education Conference Student Art Submission Entry Form

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|--|-------------------------|
| Student Name   |                         |
| School Name  |                         |
| Address of school  |                         |
| Diocese  |                         |
| Teacher contact  |                         |
| Parent Name  |                         |
| Parent signature   |                         |
| Student email address  |                         |
| Year level   |                         |
| Citation: 50-100-word response on 'hope, anchored in faith' to me means... |                         |
| I would like my artwork returned after the Conference to my school?        | <i>Answer Yes or No</i> |
| Principal/Leadership team member name                                      |                         |
| Principal/Leadership team member signature                                 |                         |

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