



CEDC's A Vision to Transform Week 0 staff formation day

Contemporary cosmology in the Catholic worldview sees the emergence of the universe as God's creative work calling creation into being. Human beings, born of the universe, are connected to the story of the universe and the emergence of the stars. That humans are created in the image of God, connects human life to the Judeo-Christian tradition too.

In the Second Testament, Jesus Christ is portrayed as the true icon of God and God's divine presence in the world. This is seen especially in the story of the transfiguration as an encounter of transformation. In the context of Catholic education, how does the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus speak to our contemporary times and a modern people? Are there ways that the shimmering light, beauty and glory revealed by Jesus can form and inform us to transform the world?



Figure 1: Ann Veronica Janssens (Belgian, 1956–), *Yellow Rose*, 2007. Projectors, dichroic filters, and artificial mist, dimensions variable (min. 360 cm diameter, min. 250 cm depth). Museum Morsbroich, Leverkusen, Germany. Photo: Philippe De Gobert. [Art and Theology](https://www.artandtheology.com) website, posted December 12, 2022.

Identity and Outreach Directorate is partnering with Gen Bryant, singer-songwriter of contemporary and Christian music, to offer an engaging day of formation experiences for teaching and non-teaching staff in Catholic schools across the Diocese of Cairns.

With the theme 'A Vision to Transform,' the day will invite reflection on the transformative element that CEDC's 2026-2028 Strategic Directions:

"To offer every student in every school a world class education enriched by their lived encounter with the Catholic faith. Christ-centered, student focused, future ready."

invites staff enter into, in our collective mission as community builders through a faith education.

Registration is now open for the 2026 staff formation day *A Vision to Transform* to be held across deaneries during Week 0 at the following locations:

Date	Deanery	Venue	iLearn Code
Monday, 19 January	Cairns	St Mary's College	CNS05286:001
Wednesday, 21 January	Western	St Stephen's College	CNS05286:002
Friday, 23 January	Southern	Good Counsel College	CNS05286:003

Please have staff register via the appropriate iLearn code.

Encounter: Head, Heart, Hands

Term 4 Week 3 2025



Learning intentions

We are learning about...

- The cosmology of creation from a Catholic perspective;
- The story of Jesus' transfiguration;
- The identity of Jesus;
- The message that the passion and resurrection of Jesus reveals to his followers; and
- Creating a space for openness to others.

Success Criteria

We will be successful if we can...

- Understand how the story of creation connects humans to the birth of the universe;
- Talk about the humanity and divinity of Jesus from a Catholic perspective;
- Connect the story of the transfiguration to the central message of the Gospel;
- Reflect on engagement and belonging in the Catholic school context; and
- Connect our everyday work to the vision of CEDC.

A brief overview of the day is as follows:

Time	Description
8:00am	Registration
8:30am	Welcome and introduction
8:40am	Connection to Country and Prayer
9:00am	Session 1
10:30am	Morning Tea
11:00am	Session 2
12:40pm	Lunch
1:40pm	Session 3
2:50pm	Prayer
3:00pm	Dismissal