CHRISTIAN STUDIES EQUIP - 2015

What is Equip?

EQUIP is a 10 module in-service professional learning course for teachers of Christian Studies (CS). The purpose of this course is to equip teachers to teach Christian Studies and help them grow in their:

- own spiritual and theological understandings
- understanding of the purpose of CS and their role and responsibilities as a teacher
- knowledge and practice in relation to the Christian Studies Curriculum Framework (CSCF), planning units of work and a range of classroom strategies.

Typically, teachers will complete the Equip course in 3 years. Modules 1 and 2 are to be completed in the teacher's first year of teaching Christian Studies, as they are specifically written with teachers **new** to Christian Studies in mind. Teachers then complete 4 modules in each of the next 2 years. These are provided by LEVNT in a 2 year cycle, meaning that participants may complete either Modules 7-10 or Modules 3-6 in a year.

LEVNT's offerings of Equip Modules match all Regions of Lutheran Education Australia (LEA) as follows:

2015	2015	2016
Modules 1 & 2 Modules 7-10	Modules 1 & 2 Modules 3-6	Modules 1 & 2 Modules 7-10

Course requirements: To satisfy course completion requirements *(and be eligible for LEA Accreditation as a Teacher of Christian Studies),* participants must:

- ✓ Attend all 10 modules
- ✓ Complete between session activities
- ✓ Bring required materials to modules, including Equip folder and units of work for reflection
- ✓ During Equip, compile a portfolio which includes:
  - one unit of work which is detailed and annotated, an assessment task with attached criteria sheet, and at least three annotated samples of student work.
  - a philosophy for teaching CS
  - journal responses for each module
- ✓ At the conclusion of Equip (Module 6 or 10), present and submit the portfolio
- ✓ Complete the Pathways Spiritual focus program.

Credit for prior learning: Some participants are eligible for credit for prior learning based on their participation in pre-service study and other professional learning. Teachers who may be eligible for credit are invited to submit written documentation and explanation to the LEVNT Education Officer.

Please note: Please email registrations to: liz.pietsch@levnt.edu.au

Please select your module preferences carefully and in consultation with your school calendar.

Overview of module content:

	Module	Focus concepts	CSCF link
Orientation year	**Module 1** What is Christian Studies?	Nature and purpose of Christian Studies (CS) Approach to teaching and learning in Christian Studies Unit planning and the planning process	CSCF overview
	Module 2 What is my vision for Christian Studies?	Spirituality of students A personal vision for CS Overview of inquiry process	CSCF Curriculum Statements and Theological Notes
Year A: *(to be delivered in **2016**)*	**Module 3** How do I make sense of the world?	Multiple worldviews (religious, philosophical, ethical) Respectful dialogue Inclusive classrooms Working cooperatively	CW1 CW3
	Module 4 Who am I?	Identity Being human and made in the image of God Critical thinking and engagement Brain based learning	CL1 CB3
	Module 5 Who is God?	Nature of God and images of God Nature and purpose of the Bible Investigation and collaboration	CB1 CC1
	Module 6 How do I know and relate to God?	Spirituality and prayer Jesus as a bridge-builder Revelation and faith Reflection and metacognition Silence and stillness, meditation Assessment as learning	CB2 CC3 CW2
Year B: *(to be delivered in **2015**)*	**Module 7** What do I do with my life?	Discipleship, vocation and service Planning for deep understanding Essential questions Lifelong Qualities for Learners (LQL)	CL2
	Module 8 How do I live my life?	An ethical life Knowing right from wrong Critical and philosophical thinking	CW3
	Module 9 How do I respond?	Stewardship and justice Assessment and assessment tasks Action and response	CL3 CC2
	Module 10 What happens when things go wrong?	Forgiveness, suffering, hope and trust Creative and caring thinking	CB3 CC3

Modules 1 & 2 are for teachers beginning Equip in 2014.
Please choose a date for both Modules:

Module 1	Venue TBC**, Melbourne** **Riverina** (venue TBA)	Friday, February 20 Monday, March 02	**Module 2**	Venue TBC, **Melbourne** **Riverina** (venue TBA)	Thursday, July 23 Thursday, August 27

Modules 7-10 are for teachers who have completed BOTH Modules 1 & 2
Please choose a date for each of Modules 7-10:

Module 7	Venue TBC, **Melbourne** Venue TBC, **Melbourne** (if required) **Riverina** (venue TBA)	Friday, March 13 Tuesday, March 24 Friday, March 20
Module 8	Venue TBC, **Melbourne** Venue TBC, **Melbourne** (if required) **Riverina** (venue TBA)	Friday, May 15 Tuesday, May 26 Friday, May 29
Module 9	Venue TBC, **Melbourne** Venue TBC, **Melbourne** (if required) **Riverina** (venue TBA)	Friday, July 24 Tuesday, August 11 Friday, August 28
Module 10	Venue TBC, **Melbourne** Venue TBC, **Melbourne** (if required) **Riverina** (venue TBA)	Friday, October 09 Tuesday, October 20 Friday, October 16

If you wish to register, please contact Liz Pietsch.

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