

Mr Chris Callus – Recipient National Outstanding Service Award

At the National Conference of the Australian Association for Religious Education held in Melbourne in October this year, the Association bestowed on Mr Chris Callus the National Award for Outstanding Service to Religious Education; this award is given every second year. Chris currently serves as Head of Religious Education at Sacred Heart College in Sorrento.



In addition to his current work as Head of Religious Education at Sacred Heart College, Sorrento, Chris has served as Head of RE in two other Catholic schools and as the inaugural Head of RE (K to 12) at Guildford Grammar School. The award also recognised Chris’ service as State President of the AARE for the past ten years and National Vice President since 2004.

Chris Callus (right) receives his award from Rev Grant Watson, Victorian President AARE

During this time he has provided professional development opportunities for primary, secondary and university religious educators from the Government, Independent and Catholic sectors, served as sacristan, coordinator of altar servers and as special minister of the Eucharist, worked as consultant to the Anglican Schools Commission in the development of their Religious Education Learning Area, held the position of Chairman of the “Beliefs and Values” Syllabus Committee, served as a professional representative on a variety of independent and Curriculum Council committees, including the Values Advisory Committee and the Assessment, Review and Monitoring Panel for the new “Religion and Life” Course of Study. Chris’ work became nationally recognised when he convened the very successful National AARE Conference, “Wine, Whales & Wildflowers”, held in Fremantle during 2006.