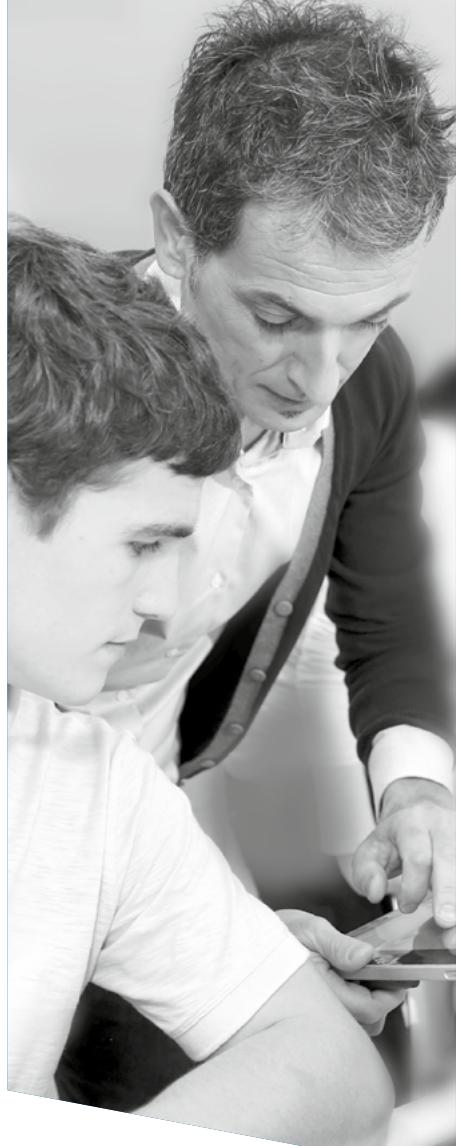


Exciting Career
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INTRODUCTORY

In 2017 the developing partnership between Lasallian Mission Services and BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education will provide for some exciting new possibilities for Lasallian educators.

BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education has recently been granted Higher Education Provider status by TEQSA, the Australian government's independent national regulator of the higher education sector. BBI's newly developed courses have been accredited for the maximum seven years, a remarkable achievement.



Dr Gerard Goldman
CEO and Principal
BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education



Br John Cantwell
Director of Formation
Lasallian Mission Services

As one of the largest Catholic providers of online theological education in the Asia-Pacific region, BBI is proud to offer some exciting higher education and professional development opportunities for Lasallian educators, CEOs and board chairs this year.

BBI- The Australian Institute of Theological Education has recently been granted Higher Education Provider status by TEQSA, the Tertiary Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).

Our Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Master's courses are very much geared towards enhancing the everyday work of those in Catholic education, whether they be teachers, religious education coordinators, principals or school board representatives.

We are the only tertiary institution in Australia to offer integrated courses in Theology and Leadership, aimed at equipping our graduates with the skills to apply appropriate models of leadership in different professional contexts, whether in Catholic schools, healthcare, ministry, social services or church administration.

Teachers in our courses are generally also eligible for subsidised fees through their diocesan school authority or through their individual school in the case of independent schools.

We look forward to supporting you in your valuable work and offering you not only rewarding postgraduate studies and professional development opportunities to advance your careers, but also a spiritually enriching learning experience.

Gerard Goldman

Lasallian Mission Services is looking forward to an emerging partnership with BBI The Australian Institute of Theological Education which will greatly expand postgraduate study and accredited professional development opportunities for staff in our Lasallian schools and other workplaces.

BBI has a proud history of offering both practical and academically rigorous online programs in our traditional areas of Religious Education and Theology. But this year BBI has built upon these strengths, by also offering unique, integrated courses in Leadership and Theology and Governance and Canon Law.

Students who do not wish to undertake postgraduate study are also able to undertake a wide range of professional development and short courses through the Institute.

In a strong reflection of the high standard of Lasallian formation programs, all our courses offered through Lasallian Mission Services are officially recognised by BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education.

Lasallians undertaking the spring pilgrimage to France and Italy or the Buttmer Institute program in July may now also be able to gain direct academic credit at BBI through assignments based upon their experiences.

School board chairs will also benefit from BBI's partnership with the Australian Institute of Company Directors which offers comprehensive courses for new and more established board directors in corporate and religious governance.

We are very much looking forward to working alongside BBI in a partnership which will benefit Lasallians working in so many different contexts across our District.

Br John Cantwell fsc



PARTNERSHIP

There are two areas in which the partnership with BBI is good news for Lasallian educators: the possibility of including Lasallian studies in higher education and the recognition of Lasallian professional development programs.

1. HIGHER EDUCATION

From 2017, BBI postgraduate courses – at Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, and Master's levels – will allow for some specifically Lasallian content.

BBI offers courses in four disciplines:

Leadership and Theology

Religious Education

Theological Studies

Governance and Canon Law

In each of these disciplines, there is the provision for study in an approved area of a student's research interest – in our case, some aspect of the Lasallian heritage.

This is made possible by the inclusion of two types of Units:

- Independent Directed Study (e.g. in some area of Lasallian spirituality)
- Immersion Experience Critical Reflection (e.g. Lasallian Pilgrimage 2017, Buttimmer Institute)

Graduate students can therefore tailor their degree to include an area of Lasallian study. Lasallian Mission Services will be very happy to work with students in selecting and pursuing an area of study and to recommend appropriate resources.

BBI GRADUATE CERTIFICATE



Key benefits of BBI courses

- **Flexibility** All BBI programs are available online, which means students can fit their study around their personal and professional commitments.
- **Summer Term** Students can undertake some courses during the summer school holidays if they want to fast-track their studies or to defer for a trimester.
- **Portability** Since BBI is a government-accredited Higher Education Provider, its courses and degrees are universally recognised.

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2. LASALLIAN MISSION SERVICES' PROGRAMS RECOGNISED BY BBI



In 2016 all Lasallian Mission Services' programs, such as *Catholic School-Lasallian Heritage Parts 1 and 2, Exploring Our Lasallian Heritage, Leading from the Middle, Lasallian Facilitation* were formally recognised by BBI. Participants in each of these programs were provided with a certificate issued jointly by BBI and the Gerard Rummery Institute as an indication of specific hours dedicated to quality professional development. New programs in 2017 will also be submitted for recognition by BBI.

These programs have also been registered with Catholic Schools Offices / Catholic Education Offices in Adelaide, Armidale, Bathurst, Brisbane, Melbourne, Parramatta, Perth and Sydney.

For further information

BBI courses in general:

<http://www.bbi.catholic.edu.au/>



BBI courses with a Lasallian dimension, and Lasallian Mission Services programs (including the Lasallian Pilgrimage 2017):
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The Buttimer Institute:
<https://www.lasallian.info/2017/01/buttimer-institute-location-to-return-to-roots/>

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