

What does

# CARITAS AUSTRALIA OFFER YOUR SCHOOL?

EDUCATING TO END POVERTY, PROMOTE JUSTICE AND UPHOLD DIGNITY



Why poverty  
and what can  
we do?

PLUS  
Deepening Catholic  
identity through  
global social justice  
and...

Linking the global to  
the curriculum.



## Why Global Social Justice?

Poverty and injustice are created by the actions of people. This means they can be eradicated – it's not a question of if, but when. **But for this to happen, we must all work together towards the creation of a more just and fair world.**

## GSJ and the Curriculum

The whole person and the context of a global society are critical elements of education. They are also embedded in the Australian curriculum.

We work towards a more just and fair world not out of charity or goodwill, but because we believe it is a necessary response to the Gospel call of Jesus, and a matter of justice. Importantly, if this response is central to our faith, then it is also central to every Catholic school's identity, which should demonstrate the value it holds for **the dignity of the human person, a preferred culture of community and its commitment to social justice and service for the common good.** (Learning Centred Schools: A Sacred Landscape).

## Caritas Australia's Global Education Program



Photo: Caritas Australia

Each element of our program enables individuals to learn about their own worldviews, their essential inter-connectedness with the planet and those living on it, and the global issues that are the root causes of poverty. This equips each of us to make a stand to end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity, and to make choices and engage in positive actions and leadership for a more just and fair world.

**We have developed a diverse program that we believe is essential to helping your whole school community move from a local school ethos of social justice to global awareness and action.**

*"The principles of Catholic Social Teaching gave me cause to reflect on my own responses to learning about people with whom Caritas works."*

*Read on to find out how our programs will inspire your students to "be more".*



## CURRICULUM LINKS

**Enhance your pupils' learning with our Australian Curriculum-linked classroom resources.**

Our free online education resources are customised to learning levels (Lower, Middle and Upper Primary, Lower, Upper and Senior Secondary) and integrated with AC links. Download our education resources brochure to find out more!

[www.caritas.org.au/schools](http://www.caritas.org.au/schools)

## CATHOLIC IDENTITY

Our program also enables your school to fulfil the core mission of:

- giving prominence to the Gospel and person of Jesus Christ, as well as the Catholic Social Teaching principles;
- being committed to the Christian vision of the dignity of each human person;
- giving value and meaning to life, by encouraging students to aspire not to have more, but to BE more;
- putting personhood at the heart of the learning and teaching process;
- challenging students to understand and make sense of the world we live in;
- enabling and empowering students to take action for a more just and fair world with direction, meaning, purpose and hope.

**Caritas is Latin for love and compassion; two qualities which are central to our work.**



# WHAT WE OFFER!

## BE MORE Professional Development:

A professional development course (including accredited tertiary-level) delivered through in-person training (staff meetings, full/half day PD sessions, retreat days/weekends) tailored to your needs. For CEO/school staff (primary and secondary). All sessions are focussed on these two key themes: why and how to embed global social justice issues across the curriculum and as a school ethos.

Examples of topics include:

- o Underpinning the Australian curriculum with social justice
- o Catholic Social Teaching
- o From Charity to Justice
- o What is poverty & who are the poor?
- o Why do we have a responsibility to act?
- o The story of aid
- o How to BE MORE
- o Making the gospel real in a contemporary world



Photo: Saint Thomas More Catholic Primary School Margaret River

"I found that the program led to a transformation in my own thinking and attitude towards poverty and injustice."

## Just Leadership days:

An engaging and interactive half- or whole-day event for pupils engaged with social justice issues, to encourage them to be JUST leaders. Delivered to school cluster groups and/or to teachers for Professional Development.

- o What is justice?
- o What is leadership?
- o How to be a JUST leader?



Photo: Caritas Australia

"Just Leadership days enable students to develop a respect for the poor and sense of responsibility as a global citizen. Students become more active in social justice activities in and out of school."

"ASPIRE NOT TO HAVE MORE, BUT TO BE MORE"



Photo: Richard Wainright

## FREE Online Educational Resources:

Hundreds of resources ready for you to download – enquiry-based lesson ideas and plans, assemblies, reflections and prayer services, quizzes, games, interactive multimedia (including Social Justice Calendar, Lent and Advent apps and virtual villages), films, photo galleries, posters, and much, much more!

Visit our website to discover our current resources.

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## Catholic Social Teaching online toolkit:

**Big questions:** explore each CST principle through a teacher-led enquiry focusing on a 'big question' (e.g. 'what is justice for the poor?', 'what is 'true community'?')

**Multimedia and interactive resource:** Seven age-specific short films, cartoon strips and editorial cartoons are the core resources found in the online learning experiences.

**Inquiry learning:** Learn, Act and Pray model incorporates the broad phases of inquiry underpinning all other models.

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**LEARN**

(focus, explore, demonstrate)



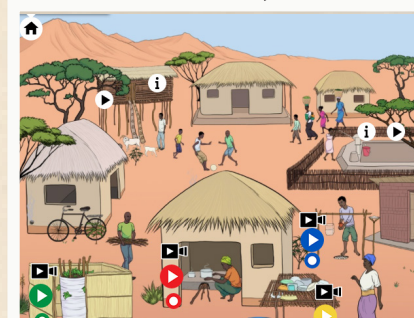
**ACT**

(apply, evaluate)



**PRAY**

(pray, reflect)



## Interactive Digital Resources

Students can direct their own learning with our interactive images which link to videos, photo galleries, lessons, worksheets and inquiry questions.

**AACES (above)**  
**Food for All**



Photo: Irene McCormack Catholic College Perth

"Caritas resources are good classroom justice stimulus materials."

**I WANT TO KNOW MORE!**

Contact either the relevant Justice Educator for your area or the resources team  
- we'd love to hear from you! Don't forget to visit our website too for more details:

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