

## Media Release

### Catholic educators invited to apply for \$20,000 research Fellowship

Catholic school leaders, teachers and administrators are invited to apply for the chance to travel abroad to research an important subject of their choice.

Now in its sixth year, the annual Brother John Taylor Fellowship provides up to \$20,000 in travel and expenses for an employee of a Catholic school or an associated body to study and write about a topic that addresses schooling priorities or challenges facing Catholic education.

The Fellowship, offered by Catholic Schools NSW (CSNSW), promotes excellence from within the Catholic teaching profession by building a library of research for all Catholic educators to draw upon.

To date, the Fellowship has funded research into:

- making mathematics more attractive to students
- using technology to improve student collaboration across borders
- understanding the importance of play in developing pre-schoolers' cognitive abilities
- expanding diversity among Catholic education leadership, and
- helping equip teachers to better teach students with special needs

CSNSW Chief Executive Officer Dallas McInerney said the Fellowship facilitates valuable research by experienced, insightful and dedicated Catholic educators.

"We want our many knowledgeable educators to take the lead on behalf of their colleagues," Mr McInerney said.

"They know better than anybody the challenges facing our sector and how they might be addressed.

"The successful Fellow will work with a mentor to write his or her research and have it published for the teaching profession."

Mr McInerney said the Fellowship honours John Taylor - a Christian Brother - and his dedication to equity and quality education over 30 years as a teacher, principal and administrator. John Taylor also represented Catholic education on key statutory boards for NSW schools.

"The Fellowship honours John's legacy by enabling today's Catholic educators to make their mark and produce lasting research to benefit generations of students and teachers," Mr McInerney said.

Applications for the Brother John Taylor Fellowship must be submitted by 30 September using the online form at [www.csnsw.catholic.edu.au/bjtfapply](http://www.csnsw.catholic.edu.au/bjtfapply)

Catholic Schools NSW represents the state's 598 Catholic schools and their 255,000 students.

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