

# Inspiring all to have the courage to care

In an initiative aligned with this year's Catholic Education Week theme of 'Engaging Minds, Igniting Hearts, Serving Others,' Catholic Education is bringing the Courage to Care Exhibition to the Far North between August 14 and September 11.

This once-in-a-lifetime exhibition demonstrates the importance of standing up against discrimination, bullying and all prejudiced behaviour, through the use of one of the last century's most extreme examples, The Holocaust.

The general public and students from all schools will have the rare opportunity to hear first-hand from Holocaust survivors and their rescuers of how having the 'Courage to Care' played such an important role during such an horrific and life-changing event.

Courage to Care aims to highlight the problems associated with bullying, racism and discrimination and demonstrate that each person within the community is able to speak out and make a difference in schools, workplaces and beyond.

With curriculum links in history, geography and religious education, the exhibition aligns with Catholic Education's philosophy to make a difference in the lives of individuals and in the wider community by challenging young people, through God, to find meaning and value in their lives and reach their full potential as compassionate, contributing, life-giving members of society.

Catholic schools seek to develop in students, communal obligations and



aspirations, to espouse values which unite society and to promote citizenship infused by a commitment to social justice. This community outreach initiative will be held at the Seville Mercy Conference Centre, Bauhinia Ave (Cnr Baladava Rd), Earlville.

It is open to all schools and the general public for a gold coin donation.

The exhibition first started in 1999 and

has been shown to more than 190,000 visitors, including 80,000 students across New South Wales, Queensland, Western Australia and the ACT.

Catholic Education's assistant executive director of identity and mission, Colin Harvey, says the exhibition is a never-to-be-repeated opportunity.

Students in Years 5-12 will have a guided

tour of the exhibition, hear a Holocaust survivor's positive story first hand and take part in a facilitated workshop.

"Courage to Care empowers participants to take positive action in relation to discrimination and bullying in all forms, from the school yard to the workplace - not to be bystanders, but to make a difference whenever possible.

"The program has relevance for everyone. It challenges our thinking and our perceptions and has the potential to change our behaviour," Colin said.

"Courage to Care encourages young people to make a stand against injustice and to be part of shaping our community for the future.

It encourages the development of an intelligent, peaceful society, with understanding and respect for all minority groups."

The exhibition is open to the general public Monday to Friday 9am-5pm and Sundays 2-4pm. Two-hour guided sessions are available on Sunday mornings. Bookings for guided sessions are essential.

Members of the public or groups wishing to book guided sessions and schools wishing to book student sessions should phone Catholic Education on 4050 9700 or email [courage2care@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:courage2care@cns.catholic.edu.au).

For more information, visit [www.cns.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cns.catholic.edu.au) and follow the link to Courage to Care or visit [www.couragetocare.com.au](http://www.couragetocare.com.au).

## courage to care

ACCEPTANCE

DISCRIMINATION

ORDINARY PEOPLE -

PREJUDICE

RESPECT

EXTRAORDINARY ACTS

Hear from Holocaust survivors and their rescuers. Be inspired to stand up to bullying and prejudice whenever it occurs.

### FREE EXHIBITION

## 14 August - 11 September, 2015

Seville Mercy Conference Centre, 35 Bauhinia Avenue, Earlville, Cairns

We can all help stop bullying and other prejudice behaviour in schools, workplaces and beyond.

Hear firsthand how Holocaust survivors, and their rescuers, had 'courage to care', in an exhibition coming to Cairns.

School and group bookings can now be made for weekday and Sunday sessions. This once only exhibition is brought to Cairns by Catholic Education for all

schools and the general public. Suited to students Year 5 and older.

For further information visit [www.cns.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cns.catholic.edu.au) and follow the link to Courage to Care, or Google 'Courage to Care Cairns'.

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