



SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST / SOCIAL WORKER / COUNSELLOR

Position Description

"We encourage young people's sociability, their creativity and their sensitivity to one another. In unobtrusive ways, we seek to initiate conversation which touches on their personal and family concerns. We help them to connect with other services and programs available in the wider community, or with those we ourselves organise". (In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat No.174, page 58).

Summary

Assumption College Kilmore requires an experienced psychologist/social worker/counsellor (0.5 - 0.6 time fraction) who is able to begin at the earliest agreed starting date. Assumption College is a large coeducational secondary school of over 1000 students including over 100 boarders. The school is located in a pleasant rural town of around 3000 people and is within easy commuting distance of Melbourne. The position requires an individual who can provide specialist counselling services to Assumption's students (and their families) and College staff. The position will be ongoing.

Note that this is a new position within the school.

Accountability

The school psychologist/social worker/counsellor will be appointed by and directly accountable to the Principal. In terms of day to day work, the successful applicant will report to the Director of Welfare. She/he is also expected to work in close consultation with the Co-ordinator of the Learning Enhancement Centre and the current (clinical) psychologist (0.2 time).

Responsibilities

- Support the goals of the College as an educational community in terms of education, spirituality, community and justice.
- Conduct assessments and prepare reports about students with social, emotional, behavioural and/or specific learning needs.
- Provide support and specific therapies for individual students with social, emotional and behavioural needs.
- Work in close partnership with College families.
- Facilitate small group discussions on target issues according to need.
- Prepare and run seminar programs for students and parents as required on selected topics.
- Liaise with and support staff and targeted students who are provided special programs through the Learning Enhancement Centre.
- Provide the necessary resources and information to students, staff and families to enable informed decision making in matters pertaining to the well being of members of the College community.
- Act as a resource for and support to the Leadership Team, Year Level Coordinators, Boarding House staff and other College staff.
- Contribute to discussions within the College on key issues affecting student well-being.
- Liaise with outside professionals and agencies as regards referrals, assessments, reports and programs.
- Create effective networks and links with the wider community.
- Maintain professional expertise and current knowledge, for example, through supervision, professional development and involvement with external networks.
- Assist with the provision of Professional Development activities for College staff.
- Assist in the management of crisis situations requiring psychological or welfare oriented counselling.
- Undertake other tasks as required by the Principal.

Essential Qualifications

- Full registration as a psychologist, social worker or other type of counsellor with relevant State Government authorities.
- Experience working with children and adolescents and their families in an educational or alternate setting.
- Excellent interpersonal skills especially in relating to young persons and their families.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Satisfactory Police check and Working With Children check.

Preferred Qualifications

- Post graduate qualifications in Counselling, Educational/Developmental or Clinical Psychology, Social Work or Family Therapy.
- Knowledge of the Victorian Education system and current issues in the education of girls and boys.