

Early Childhood / Lower Primary Classroom Teacher

POSITION DESCRIPTION

CONTRACT TYPE: Full-time Contract (1.0 FTE) – 2024

REPORTING TO: Principal through the Deputy Principal and/or Head of Teaching and Learning

Overview

St Paul's Lutheran Primary School is a co-educational, independent, Christian School located in Caboolture. The school was established by the St Paul's Lutheran Congregation in 1985 to provide quality Christian education to the children of the community. St Paul's Lutheran Primary School offers classes on our beautiful campus in Caboolture. Catering to a diverse population, St Paul's offers a quality education through genuine care and relationships. St Paul's Lutheran Primary School works collaboratively with Grace Lutheran College.

Our Mission is to equip our community of learners with a Christian world view for living through sharing the love of Jesus. Our inclusive community provides a quality future-focused education in an ever-changing world, encourages, and inspires a love of active lifelong learning.

Preamble

The Teacher at St Paul's Lutheran Primary School is a person who exhibits a passion for serving in a vibrant Christian environment and who is trained, creative and skilled in the art of teaching. We look to the teacher to exhibit high levels of performance and achievement.

The teacher is also a learner, caring to keep up to date with his/her knowledge of subject content, methods of delivery and developments in education. Excitement, dedication to the vocation and commitment to the profession is evident. The teacher is also an enthusiastic and motivated individual who has an infectious passion for lifelong learning through inquiry learning, knowledge acquisition, critical thinking skills, reading and literature.

St Paul's staff members relate to students, parents, and other staff in a manner that encapsulates the Christian ethos of this school. All staff are supportive of the ethos of the school by modelling examples in personal conduct and lifestyle, reflective of God's love for self and others.

Qualifications and Experience

The St Paul's Lutheran Primary School Teacher:

1. Must have recognised teaching qualifications.
2. Is registered with the Queensland College of Teachers.
3. Is an accredited Lutheran school teacher or has the capacity to attain and is committed to attaining accreditation through Lutheran Education Australia in the initial years of employment.
4. Has up to date First Aid qualifications.
5. Is trained in Valuing Safe Communities or is prepared to undertake the necessary training.
6. Desirably, is actively and reverently affiliated with a Christian church.

Knowledge

The St Paul's Lutheran Primary School Teacher adheres to:

- The school's mission statement aims and values.
- Australian Curriculum documents.
- Lutheran Education Australia curriculum-based documents.
- School policies, regulations, expectations and programs, which are updated periodically.
- The Staff Code of Conduct and Staff Handbook.
- Principles and ideals as outlined in statements issued by the Lutheran Church of Australia regarding its schools.
- Laws applying to the school situation including, but not limited to:
 - Duty of Care.
 - Workplace, Health and Safety Regulations.
 - Industrial Agreements as they apply.
 - Any other external regulations governing school life.

St Paul's Team

As a valued member of the team of staff, each member of staff:

- Desires to work in a Christian environment.
- Reflects a clear faith and trust in God, or a desire to explore and grow in faith and trust in God.
- Demonstrates an appreciation for the culture of the school community and seeks to contribute positively to it and enhance it in their daily interactions.
- Demonstrates loyalty to St Paul's.
- Supports the Christian underpinning of the school and its community in words and actions.
- Actively adopts and upholds the school's mission, vision, values, strategic plan and school improvement plan.
- Speaks the truth in love, communicates effectively and is actively invested in appropriate conflict resolution strategies.
- Demonstrates professionalism.
- Upholds the strictest of confidentiality regarding information and personnel, including students, parents of students, staff, the school and the school's operations.
- Is familiar with and supports school policy and procedures in all activities.
- Demonstrates patience.
- Is responsive to family needs in a professional manner and makes families and visitors feel welcomed.
- Demonstrates mature and effective interpersonal skills.

Expectations of Teachers

The St Paul's Lutheran Primary School Teacher:

- Works collaboratively with all teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Provides a motivating, relevant and educationally challenging program of learning for all students in their care.
- Ensures all curriculum and classroom planning is in accordance with the school's curriculum requirements.
- Has a sound understanding of and caters for the developmental needs of children academically, behaviourally and socially.
- Provides a developmentally appropriate program.
- Creates a flexible, interactive learning environment that includes the use of higher level thinking strategies and contemporary competencies.
- Uses teaching strategies that cater for student needs through differentiation.
- Collaborates effectively with Learning Support staff to provide an effective program for students with learning needs.
- Participates, when required, in the establishment and implementation of Individual Education Plans and student support plans.

- Uses a range of resources to support learning.
- Uses Information Technology as a tool for learning in line with school requirements.
- Knows and employs a variety of assessment strategies, using data and evidence to inform teaching practice.
- Monitors student progress and reports to parents/caregivers.
- Reviews and reflects on the effectiveness of their programs.
- Contributes to the worship program of the school.
- Contributes, when required, to student's spiritual development.
- Participates in, and assumes responsibility for, additional activities and roles that are invariably associated with teaching in a primary school, e.g. staff meetings, staff devotions, chapels, assemblies, duties, concerts, curriculum and policy development, parent-teacher interviews, parent information evenings and special days. This list is not exhaustive.

Professional Responsibilities

The St Paul's Lutheran Primary School Teacher:

- Exhibits caring and supportive relationships with colleagues, reflecting the love of Jesus.
- Demonstrates a commitment to positive relationships with parents and the wider community.
- Complies with the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers and continually strives to further develop skills in each domain.
- Is involved in ongoing professional learning that supports the school's mission, vision and strategic plan.
- Contributes to the community life of St Paul's Lutheran Primary School.
- Models being a lifelong learner.
- Strives to continually improve the quality of teaching and learning outcomes.
- Engages in activities that enhance the professional life of the teacher and develops new knowledge, skills and professional expertise.
- Takes personal responsibility for the ongoing development of his/her own advanced skills in information technology.
- Shares skills in specific subject or extra-curricular areas.
- Participates in staff appraisals.
- Supports the school's expectation that Learning Assistants are assigned to directly support student learning.
- Understands the teacher's role as marketer and, amongst other things, actively seeks opportunities to promote 'good news stories' from within their classrooms through official school channels.

Relationships with Adults

The St Paul's Lutheran Primary School Teacher:

- Participates in and contributes positively to their teaching team.
- Seeks to develop and maintain harmonious relationships with all colleagues.
- Works in partnership with parents and caregivers.
- Communicates respectfully, confidently and effectively with parents and caregivers.

Relationship with Students

The St Paul's Lutheran Primary School Teacher:

- Is caring and supportive of students.
- Sets and maintains clear, classroom expectations and motivates students to achieve their potential.
- Manages inappropriate behaviour firmly and fairly, in line with school policy.

Student Needs

The St Paul's Lutheran Primary School Teacher:

- Understands how students develop and learn.
- Recognises and responds to individual differences amongst students, providing adjustments where appropriate.
- Fosters independent and interdependent learning.
- Believes that all students have the right to learn and is proactive in eliminating discrimination and harassment amongst students.

Key Accountabilities

The successful applicant will be expected to undertake the following duties:

1. Classroom teaching duties.
2. Work collaboratively with year level team and the Head of Teaching & Learning.
3. Prepare teaching and learning programs and overviews in collaboration with the other teachers and learning support staff.
4. Maintain class records so that student progress is monitored and fostered.
5. Participate in the co-curricular program of the school which may include sporting and cultural activities.
6. Participate in all official activities of the school, including staff in-service days, school fair, parent-teacher interviews, sports carnivals, staff meetings, etc.
7. Teach Christian Studies in addition to the Australian Curriculum.
8. Conduct class devotions and class prayer each day.
9. Perform rostered playground supervision.
10. Undertake other duties, as directed by the Principal or their delegate.

Other Qualities

1. The successful applicant must support willingly and freely, the school's Christian ethos through their life, words and deeds.
2. Be able to demonstrate competency in the classroom by planning for and addressing the learning needs of individual students and the class as a whole.
3. Special interest or specialisation, e.g. art, sport, music, drama, ICT, etc. that enhance the learning environment.
4. Well developed skills in using electronic media (iPads, laptops, interactive panels, IWB, internet) to enhance student learning and to support curriculum development and administration.

Employment Collection Notice

1. In applying for this position, applicants will be providing St Paul's Lutheran Primary School with personal information.
2. Information provided will be used with the express purpose to assess and respond to an application for employment.
3. Applicants agree that St Paul's Lutheran Primary School may store this information for eight (8) weeks.
4. Applicants may seek access to the personal information that is held about them if they were unsuccessful in securing the position. However, there will be occasions when access is denied. Such occasions would include where access would have an unreasonable impact on the privacy of others.
5. St Paul's Lutheran Primary will not disclose personal information to a third party without the applicant's consent.
6. Applicants who provide St Paul's Lutheran Primary with personal information of others are encouraged to inform such persons:
 - That they are disclosing that information to the school.
 - The reason they are disclosing that information.
 - That they can access that information if they wish.
 - That the school does not disclose the information to third parties.
 - That the school may store the information for eight (8) weeks.

How to Apply

- Completed **Application Form**.
- **Cover Letter** outlining the reason for applying.
- **Current Resume** that includes 2 Referees (one may be a Pastoral Referee such as a Pastor or Priest).
- Copy of **current Qld Teacher Registration**.
- Copy of **university results and practicum statements (if a recent graduate)**.
- Copy of **current First Aid Certificate/s**.
- **Address the following Key Criteria** in a separate document – clear concise statements (no more than 2 pages):

KEY CRITERIA:

- KC1** Knowledge and support of the Christian ethos.
- KC2** Knowledge and experience of the Australian Curriculum in a contemporary agile framework and the proven ability to ensure teaching and learning activities reflect contemporary pedagogy, including the ability to integrate an inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning and differentiation strategies.
- KC3** The ability to create a positive, supportive and engaging classroom climate that meets the academic, social and emotional needs of all students.
- KC4** Your strengths/pedagogy as an agile contemporary teacher and learner.
- KC5** Special qualifications, skills and interests that enhance your teaching and the wider work as a teacher.
- KC6** Effective communication and interpersonal skills to develop and sustain quality working relationships and work productively and collaboratively as a part of a team.

Applications

Applications should be marked **Strictly Confidential** and sent to the Principal either by post or email by the advertised closing date/time.

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NB: *Information that is sent by e-mail should be in either Microsoft Word or PDF format. Receipt of applications will be provided via return email.*