



Billanook College

*Growing and Caring*

## POSITION DESCRIPTION – VISUAL ARTS TEACHER (FULL-TIME)

### (MATERNITY LEAVE CONTRACT)

As a school in the tradition of the Uniting Church in Australia, Billanook College's Mission is to develop a dynamic, caring learning community which fosters the growth of the whole being of each girl and boy – in body, mind and spirit; providing a range of pathways to life-long learning through and beyond academic excellence.

At Billanook, our staff are central to our Mission. We aim to recruit and sustain a workforce focused on the shared vision of Billanook College.

This full-time, maternity leave contract position from **Monday 19 April to Friday 10 December 2021**, requires a suitably qualified and innovative teacher who has the capacity to teach VCE Studio Art as well as Visual Art and Textiles at Middle School level (Years 7 to 10).

The successful applicant must have the skills of a progressive 21<sup>st</sup> century educator, able to make the most of a BYOD environment, with the qualifications and capabilities to teach within the Visual Arts Learning Area.

The Years 7 to 12 curriculum and learning framework at Billanook College is based on three distinct type of learning experiences for our students.

- The Mastery experience involves the in depth conceptual and skill-based learning that come from key learning area studies.
- The Discovery experience is about empowering students to leverage their innate and natural curiosity to learn both deeply and broadly. This opportunity is provided through activities such as Discovery Projects.
- The Journey experience is about community and authentic learning.

At Billanook Visual Arts subjects are offered from Early Learning to Year 12.

In Year 7 students explore the areas of drawing, painting, ceramics, mixed media, sculpture and textiles. In Year 8 there are four elective units offered: Painting and Sculpture, Printmaking and Textiles, Visual Communication Design and Animation and Media. Similarly, Year 9 offers Visual Art, Media Studies, Textiles and Visual Communication Design. Year 10 is a precursor to VCE, offering semester length units in Visual Communication Design, Visual Art, Textiles and Media Studies. This leads at VCE level to Art, Media, Studio Arts and Visual Communication Design.

The Visual Arts is housed in the purpose-built Leigh Speedy Centre and has its own exhibition gallery. The buildings and grounds feature student work as well as those of professional artists promoting the value of aesthetics. Key highlights of the Visual Arts calendar are the annual whole school exhibition *Crescendo* and the study tour to Italy conducted every second year.

The College also operates a BYOD program throughout the school.

### KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- Supportive of the values of the Uniting Church and Independent School education.
- Qualified teacher with appropriate tertiary qualifications in the area of Visual Arts. Other appropriate post-graduate qualifications well regarded.
- The ability to teach Visual Arts from Year 7 to VCE level is essential.



- Experienced in innovative curriculum design and evaluation with a blended learning focus.
- Well versed in individual learning styles and preferences.
- Comfortable with and confident in utilising appropriate technologies for learning. Familiarity with an eLearning environment essential.
- Innovative in approach, able to enthuse and generate a passion for Visual Arts.
- Preparedness to participate in the pastoral, sporting and co-curricular program.
- Sound knowledge of current OH&S legislation and guidelines and a commitment to ensuring a safe working environment.
- Sound understanding of the Child Safe Standards and other mandatory reporting requirements as they apply to Victorian Schools, and a strong commitment to providing a child safe environment at all times.
- Commitment to the principles of equal opportunity and equity in education.
- Current registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT).

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions of employment are set out in the *Billanook College (Teachers) Enterprise Agreement 2018* and the *Educational Services (Teachers) Award 2020*.

The successful candidate will be provided with a Staff Handbook that sets out the expectations and requirements of employment at the College. Child protection legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening. Billanook College supports the principles of equal opportunity employment and encourages diversity in the workplace.

## APPLICATIONS

Please forward a letter of application and a Curriculum Vitae detailing qualifications, employment history and experience together with the names of at least two referees who are able to comment on your recent employment experience, including your suitability to work with children. **Please email your application as one file in PDF format.**

Applications to be addressed to:

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Closing date: 5.00pm on Monday 1 March 2021.