



**Catholic  
Education**  
Diocese of Cairns

*Learning with Faith and Vision*



# **Mother of Good Counsel School, North Cairns**

## **Groundsperson**

### **Casual Position**

**Applications Close: 5.00pm, Saturday 14 July 2018**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced candidates for this position.

Intending applicants must:

- Be fully supportive of the ethos of Catholic Education;
- Be eligible for or hold a Working with Children Blue Card;
- Be fully committed to creating and maintaining a child safe organisation.

Catholic Education Services is an equal opportunity employer.



## 1. Complete Employment Application Form

Complete the attached Employment Application Form. Please notify your referees that you are applying for this position and ensure you have their consent to nominate them. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure all referee information provided is accurate and contact details are correct. A referee from your current or most recent line manager must be included.

## 2. Covering Letter (Maximum 2 Pages)

Provide a covering letter outlining your experience and reason for applying for this position.

## 3. CV/Resume (Maximum 2 Pages)

Provide a CV/Resume which includes:

- Education
- Employment history (position, organisation, employment dates)
- Professional memberships
- Professional Development (any other courses you have completed or are currently enrolled in)

## 4. Supporting Documentation

Provide supporting documentation which include:

- Qualifications and academic transcripts
- Practicum Reports (Graduate Teachers ONLY)
- Registration:
  - Working with Children Blue Card
  - Professional Membership

### QUICK TIP

Current employees are not required to provide supporting documentation.

## 5. Submit Application

Submit your application comprising of:

- Employment Application Form
- Covering Letter
- CV/Resume
- Supporting Documentation

### QUICK TIP

Do not bind/ place your application in a folder or submit original copies of documentation.

**Submit To:** Ms Katherine Boot  
Assistant Principal  
Mother of Good Counsel School  
North Cairns QLD 4870  
Ph: 07 4053 6133  
Email: [kboot@cns.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kboot@cns.catholic.edu.au)

You will receive confirmation of receipt of your application.

# Employment Application Form

**Position Applied For:**

## PERSONAL PARTICULARS

**TITLE:**                **Mr**                **Mrs**                **Ms**                **Miss**                **Other**

**SURNAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PREVIOUS SURNAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVEN NAMES:**

**PREFERRED NAME:**

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: POST CODE:

**POSTAL ADDRESS:** AS ABOVE **POST CODE:**

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MOBILE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:**

**RELIGION:**

## REFEREES

In order to make an informed decision on your suitability for the position, Catholic Education will require to speak to referees that you nominate. A referee is a person that can provide us with detail in respect to your work ethic, experience and competency. Please list three referees, including a line manager in your most recent position. For teaching positions, you must include a line manager in your most recent education position, eg Principal. A Church representative/Religious or Clergy reference is defined as a Parish Priest, Bishop or member of a religious order. We reserve the right to request an additional referee if we believe a person has not been fully forthcoming.

Referee 1 (Line Manager)

Name:

**Position:**

**Organisation:**

**Mobile:**

**Email:**

Referee 1 (Employer)

Name:

**Position:**

**Organisation:**

**Mobile:**

**Email:**

### Referee 3 (Church Representative)

Name:

**Position:**

**Organisation:**

**Mobile:**

**Email:**

Referee 4 (Other Professional)

Name:

**Position:**

**Organisation:**

**Mobile:**

**Email:**

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## EMPLOYMENT HEALTH DECLARATION

If you are successful in securing an interview with Catholic Education, you will be required to complete an Employment Health Declaration. The purpose of this declaration is to ensure that you are fully able to perform the inherent requirements of the role (with reasonable adjustments if required) and that you are not placed in an environment or given tasks that would result in risks to your health or safety.

## WORKING IN THE DIOCESE OF CAIRNS

The Catholic school system is an integral part of the Church. The Catholic Diocese of Cairns extends from Cardwell in the south, west to the Northern Territory border including the Atherton Tablelands, and north to gulf country, Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands. With the exception of schools in Weipa, Cooktown and Thursday Island, all schools and colleges are within two hours driving time from Cairns.

Catholic Education Services is the Diocesan education office. Leadership and strategic management of the system of schools is the responsibility of the Executive Director of Catholic Education Services, who is the employer of all Catholic Education staff in the Diocese. Further information about Catholic Education in the Diocese of Cairns is available from the website: [www.cns.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cns.catholic.edu.au)

## EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

Any appointment to a teaching position with Catholic Education in the Diocese of Cairns is subject to the appointee demonstrating appropriate qualifications and registration with the Queensland College of Teachers Registration. Any appointment to a non-teaching position with Catholic Education in the Diocese of Cairns is subject to the appointee being eligible to apply for and obtaining a Working With Children Blue Card unless the appointee is a registered Health Practitioner performing within their professional area. For more information please visit [www.bluecard.qld.gov.au](http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au).

Employment is conditional upon the appointee demonstrating eligibility of Working Rights in Australia.

All employees have a responsibility for promoting and safeguarding the wellbeing of children and young persons that they are responsible for or come into contact with.

Employment is conditional upon the acceptance of the Statement of Principles for Employment in Catholic Education and for teaching position the attainment of Accreditation to Teach Religion in a Catholic School. To view the Statement of Principles, visit [www.cns.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cns.catholic.edu.au) and click on Employment / Agreements, Schedules & Awards.

## EMPLOYMENT COLLECTION NOTICE

In submitting this application for employment you agree that you will not seek access to references provided by third parties or to confidential notes or reports made by us relating to your application for employment. We seek your agreement in this regard to ensure that referees are not inhibited from providing complete and accurate references as to your suitability for the position.

In applying for this position and submitting your application for employment you will be providing Catholic Education Services with personal information, for example your name, address and information contained in your resume. We will collect and record this information in order to assess your application. To view Catholic Education's Privacy Policy, visit [www.cns.catholic.edu.au](http://www.cns.catholic.edu.au) and click on About/Privacy. Your records will be kept on file for a three-month period only pending your employment within the Diocese.

## DECLARATION

*If submitting electronically, typing your name below denotes supplying your signature*

I agree to the conditions of the Employment Collection Notice. I understand that I have a duty to disclose sufficient information to enable a prospective employer to make a properly informed decision about my employment. I declare that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct at the time of submission. I have read, understood and accept that the Statement of Principles referred to above are contractual obligations underpinning employment with Catholic Education - Diocese of Cairns.

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Please indicate how you became aware of this vacancy:**

CES Website

Facebook

Teacher on Net

SEEK

The Catholic Leader

Newspaper: Please specify:

Other: Please specify:

<b>POSITION TITLE:</b>	<b>Groundsperson</b>
<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>Mother of Good Counsel School</b>
<b>REPORTS TO:</b>	<b>The Principal</b>
<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	<b>Service Staff – Level 1</b>
<b>AUTHORISATION:</b>	<b>Executive Director</b>

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICES – DIOCESE OF CAIRNS

Catholic Education Services – Diocese of Cairns (CES), consists of twenty-nine schools including twenty primary schools, two Prep to Year 12 Colleges and seven secondary Colleges which includes a Youth Assistance College with campuses in Cairns and Cooktown. All schools, except the dual campus Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Thursday Island and Hammond Island, Weipa and Holy Spirit College, Cooktown campus, are within a two hour drive of Cairns.

CES is committed to building communities of learning that provide a safe, nurturing and academically challenging environment for all students.

Leadership and strategic management of the system of schools is the responsibility of the Executive Director of Catholic Education. Through a team of professionals the Executive Director manages and facilitates a number of significant and particular delegations which include:

- Support of the mission of the Church as delivered through Catholic Education
- Support of schools by providing services that strengthen school capacity
- Provision of leadership and forward planning to develop organisational capability
- Distribution to schools of government allocated funds and their accountability
- Monitoring of quality of schools and compliance/accountability with requirements of governments, Church and parents
- Within limits, provision of some centralised, specialised student services, where this is the most effective and efficient approach.

## PURPOSE OF THE ROLE

The employee appointed to this position will have competency at this level involving the application of knowledge and skills to a limited range of tasks and roles. There is a specific range of contexts where the choice of actions required is clear. Competencies are normally used within established routines, methods and procedures that are predictable and judgment against established criteria is also involved.

This position works under direct and/or routine supervision, work is intermittently checked, and may be reviewed on completion. The position may take the form of general guidance where working in teams is involved and may involve detailed instructions in some situations.

An employee at this level will have no supervisory responsibilities however an experienced employee may assist others by providing peer support in the completion of routine tasks.



## ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Typical duties performed may include, but are not limited to:**

- Operate and maintain grounds keeping machinery eg mowers, edger's, hedge trimmers, line trimmers.
- Plant and maintain trees and gardens including pruning and weeding.
- Set out and mark playing fields.
- Maintain simple records/administration.
- Assist in maintenance of grounds and ovals including seeding, topdressing, spraying under supervision, fertilising under supervision.
- Maintains playgrounds.
- Maintains and cleans outside external areas of school.
- Able to perform maintenance person jobs around the school.
- Assist in maintenance and development of school buildings and facilities under supervision.
- Operate and maintain basic maintenance tools, manual and powered eg drill, saw, grinder.
- Perform basic carpentry, plumbing, painting, plastering, concreting at non-trade level.
- Maintain simple records/administration.

## GENUINE OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the specific duties and responsibilities required for the position, all employees within the Diocese will demonstrate the following personal and interpersonal skills in the course of their duties:

- Accountable and responsible for ensuring professional behaviour
- Ability to cope with own emotions and behaviour effectively
- Ability to comply with Workplace Health and Safety legislation and professional regulations to reduce the risk of harm to self and others
- Ability to communicate in English to meet the necessary standards with respect to clarity, accuracy and professionalism appropriate to the position
- Ability to prioritise workloads and manage multiple tasks with competing timelines
- Ability to accept responsibility for own work

### **Physical requirements of the position:**

- Work is normally performed in an outdoors environment and may involve frequent exposure to elements such as weather (sun/wind/rain), dust, dirt, fumes and/or loud noises
- Manoeuvring within the school environment appropriate to the position
- Work environment involves exposure to potentially dangerous materials and situations that requires following safety precautions and may involve the use of protective equipment
- Work environment involves the use of tools, machinery and other equipment that requires following safety precautions and may involve the use of protective equipment



## MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS/SELECTION CRITERIA

- Junior Certificate or equivalent is the minimum formal qualification. Unless an exemption applies all staff are required to hold a current Working With Children Blue Card or be eligible to apply
- Current drivers licence
- A strong demonstrated commitment to the objectives, vision and ethos of Catholic Education

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Statement of Principles for Employment in Catholic Education
- Code of Conduct for Employees of Catholic Education
- Catholic Employing Authorities Single Enterprise Collective Agreement Diocesan Schools of Queensland 2015-2019

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The incumbent will need:

- An in-depth understanding of and commitment to the mission and objectives of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Cairns
- A sound working knowledge of the Catholic Education context and an appreciation for Catholic Education issues.

## EMPLOYEE ACCEPTANCE

The employee's signature signifies an understanding and acceptance that the content contained herein and forms an integral part of their employment terms and conditions.

I have read and acknowledge receipt of this Position Description:

**Employee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_