

# Catholic Education Diocese of Cairns

Learning with Faith and Vision



# Good Counsel College, Innisfail

# Workplace Health & Safety Officer

Fixed Term, Term Time Position 6 Hours Per Week 7 May 2019 - 24 January 2020

# Applications Close: 5.00pm, Monday 22 April 2019

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

Intending applicants must:

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

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:
  - o Working with Children Blue Card
  - Professional Membership

#### 5. Submit Application

Submit your application comprising of:

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

# QUICK TIP

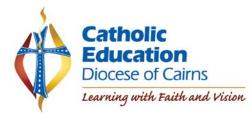
Current employees are not required to provide supporting documentation.

#### QUICK TIP

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

Submit To: The Principal Ms Cathy Barrett Good Counsel College, Innisfail Ph: (07) 4063 5300 Email: cmifsud@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 NAM	IE:					
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:						POST CODE:
POSTAL ADDRES	S: AS	ABOVE				POST CODE:
HOME PHONE:				м	OBILE:	
EMAIL:				RE	LIGION:	
TEACHER APPLIC	CANTS ON	ILY:				

HAVE YOU OBTAINED OR WORKING TOWARDS QUALIFICATIONS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

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, *safe guarding children*, experience and competency. Please list two 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)	Referee 2 (Employer)
Name:	Name:
Position:	Position:
Organisation:	Organisation:
Mobile:	Mobile:
Email:	Email:
Referee 3 (Church Representative)	Referee 4 (Other Professional)
Referee 3 (Church Representative) Name:	Referee 4 (Other Professional) Name:
Name:	Name:
Name: Position:	Name: Position:
Name: Position: Organisation:	Name: Position: Organisation:

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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

#### **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.

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

*Catholic Education has zero tolerance for abuse*. 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 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 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	Catholic Jobs Online		
Newspaper: Please specify:		Other				

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POSITION TITLE:	Workplace Health & Safety Officer
SECTION:	Good Counsel College, Innisfail
<b>REPORTS TO:</b>	The Principal
CLASSIFICATION:	School Officer Level 5 (\$31.91 - \$33.47 gross per hour)
AUTHORISATION:	Executive Director

# 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 Flexible Learning 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 Workplace Health and Safety Officer in this position is required to demonstrate competency involving the application of knowledge with depth in some areas and a broad range of skills. There is a range of roles and tasks in a variety of contexts, where there is some complexity in the extent and choice of actions required.

Competencies are within routines, methods and procedures. Some discretion and judgement are involved in selection of equipment, work organisation, services, actions and achieving outcomes within time constraints.

Duties are performed under limited supervision and work may be checked in relation to overall progress.

Duties may take the form of broad guidance and may involve a level of autonomy when working in teams.

An employee in this position may have limited responsibility for guidance of the work of others. Peer assistance may be provided to others. Team co-ordination may be required.



# ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- Act as the College's Workplace Health & Safety Officer and assist the Principal by establishing procedures and implementing programs to provide a safe and healthy environment for staff and students. This also includes new staff safety inductions, all WPHS staff training and leadership of the College Work Health & Safety Committee.
- Responsible for College Work Health & Safety legislative responsibilities and audit compliance including the development of procedures and practices which manage and control health and safety risks and support a positive College WHS culture.
- In consultation with the Business Manager ensure the College is compliant with Work Health & Safety legislative responsibilities and assist in the development of procedures and practices which manage and control health and safety risks and support a positive College WHS culture.
- Undertake regular inspections of College high risk teaching areas and liaise with teaching staff to develop Safe Operating Procedures and Curriculum Activity Risk Assessments.
- Conduct Lockdown and Emergency Evacuation drills as required by legislation, provide feedback on drill processes and provide advice on best practice to the Principal and Business Manager.
- Maintain resources and documents to assist staff to meet compliance standards in the classroom.
- Monitor safe processes and provide risk assessments for excursions, camps, sporting events/competitions and incursions.
- Assist in the development and maintenance of a contractors register which includes records of safety inductions, the registration of contractors safety plans, insurance coverage and trade licences.
- Other tasks as directed by the Principal.

### **GENUINE OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- Accountable and responsible for ensuring professional behaviour
- Ability to cope with own emotions and behaviour effectively
- Ability to comply with legislation and professional regulations to reduce the risk of harm to self and others
- Ability to maintain an appropriate level of confidentiality
- Ability to communicate in English both verbally and in writing to meet necessary standards with respect to clarity, accuracy and professionalism appropriate to the position
- Ability to locate appropriate and relevant information from multiple sources and convey, integrate and implement knowledge in practice
- Ability to prioritise workloads and manage multiple tasks with competing timelines
- Ability to accept responsibility for own work
- Facilitate the prevention of child harm by recognising and responding appropriately
- Intermediate to advanced skills in Microsoft Office applications necessary to demonstrate the required range of skills and tasks
- Competent use of digital technologies necessary to demonstrate the required range of skills and tasks

#### Physical requirements of the position:

- Work is normally performed in a typical interior office and/or classroom environment
- 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 office/school environment appropriate to the position
- Frequent use of telecommunication and electronic equipment





# MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

- Unless an exemption applies all staff are required to hold a current Working With Children Blue Card or be eligible to apply.
- A strong demonstrated commitment to the objectives, vision and ethos of Catholic Education.
- Promote child safety at all times.
- Certificate IV in Workplace Health & Safety, or willingness to undertake training relevant to the position may be required or such knowledge, qualifications and experiences that are deemed by the employer as necessary to successfully carry out the duties of the position.

# 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: