



# St Thomas More School

*A Catholic school in the Mercy Tradition R-6*

## Position Information Document

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POSITION TITLE	Education Support Officer - Curriculum
ESO GRADE	3
ESO STREAM	Curriculum
EMPLOYMENT TYPE	As per contract
HOURS PER WEEK	As per contract
WEEKS PER YEAR	As per contract

### Key Working Relationships

- Principal / Head of School
- Teaching and support staff
- Parents/caregivers and students

### Broad Purpose

Under the supervision of the Principal (or delegate), support and assist teachers in their management of students to meet identified educational needs.

### Duty Statement

Receiving little direct supervision, the position will support teaching staff with student learning activities. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Assist student learning, where some discretion and judgement is involved, including evaluation and assessment under the supervision of a teacher, of the learning needs of students by employing behavioural management strategies to ensure a safe, orderly and successful learning environment.
- Carry out a wide variety of tasks associated with classroom learning experiences (e.g. assisting teachers in preparing, implementing and supervising classrooms and/or intervention programs).

- Apply personal knowledge and initiative to suggest modifications to educational programs to meet the learning needs of specific students, subject to approval of the teacher.
- Supervise and care for students with formally identified special needs including support for individual students or groups of students in accordance with Personalised Plans for Learning (PPL) as required.
- Demonstrate practical activities within a variety of routines, methods, and experiences under supervision of teachers where discretion and judgement are required.
- Participate in the evaluation of programs and student involvement and document student progress/behaviour in SEQTA as directed.
- Provide yard duty support to teachers in accordance with school procedures.
- Assist with identifying student learning/behaviour problems
- Assist teachers with the care of students on excursions, sports days/activities and other classroom and associated school/educational activities.
- Assist with physical requirements of students requiring special care.
- Provide general assistance of a supportive nature to teachers when required.
- Actively participate in school activities/events, staff/team meetings, required training and/or professional development and professional reviews.
- Undertake other duties as required/directed by the Principal (or delegate).

### **Person Specifications**

- A Certificate IV in Education / Education Support (or equivalent) and/or relevant demonstrated knowledge and experience in a comparable role. Prior experience working in an education environment is highly desirable.
- Demonstrated ability working and communicating effectively with children. Experience working with children with special needs is highly desirable.
- Willingness to uphold and contribute to the culture and ethos of our Catholic school.
- Ability to implement positive and supportive behaviour management practices and be a good role model for students.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills (verbal and written) and proven ability to develop a strong positive rapport with students, staff, and parents/caregivers and foster effective professional relationships.
- Able to work with minimal direction and supervision and analyse and plan approaches to apply effective solutions to a range of problems.
- Self-motivated, resilient, and able to work productively in a complex environment as an effective and positive team member and supervise other staff, as

applicable.

- High level organisational and time management skills, able to effectively prioritise tasks, be proactive and able to work under pressure and meet required timelines.
- Demonstrated ability to work with little direct supervision, take responsibility for own outcomes in relation to role requirements and take significant initiative and responsibility to support educational and school outcomes.
- Demonstrated high level of confidentiality, trust, integrity, and work ethic.
- Demonstrated advanced computer skills, knowledge, and experience, with particular expertise in the Microsoft Office suite.
- Ability to deal effectively with unexpected situations and/or emergencies.
- An active commitment to ongoing professional learning and development.
- Contingency Care Training is desirable.

### **Specific Requirements**

- Applicable First Aid Certificate relevant to the role requirements
- Current and acceptable Working with Children Clearance and screening to work in Catholic Education SA
- Current valid Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care certificate
- CESA Staff do not need to be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment, with the exception of CESA Staff working in High-Risk Settings. CESA Staff are however strongly encouraged to have and maintain an Up-To-Date Vaccination Status in accordance with the ATAGI statement. The vaccination requirement for CESA Staff working in High-Risk Settings is a condition of employment or engagement unless an exemption is approved in accordance with the CESA COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.

### **Work Health & Safety**

This role is deemed to be a Worker under the South Australian Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act 2012.

As a Worker, while at work you must:

- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety
- Take reasonable care that your actions or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons

- Comply, in so far as you are reasonably able to, with any reasonable instruction given by the employer
- Cooperate with any reasonable policy or procedure of the employer that is related to health and safety at the workplace that has been notified to workers

Reference: Division 4, Section 28 WHS Act 2012

This position information document indicates the general nature and level of work performed by the incumbent and is not a comprehensive listing of all responsibilities, tasks and outcomes.