

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Education Support Officer - Curriculum

ESO Grade: 2

ESO Stream: Curriculum

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SIGNIFICANT WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

- Principal / Deputy Principal
- Teaching and non-teaching staff
- External parties / stakeholders
- Parents / caregivers, students and school community
- Visitors

POSITION OVERVIEW

An Education Support Officer (ESO) – Curriculum interacts with students and assists teachers in the classroom or in a nearby visible area to support students identified educational needs.



KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Assist teachers with the care of students on excursions, sports days, activities and other classroom and associated school educational activities.
- Assist student learning, either individually or in groups, under the direct supervision of a teacher (or delegate), using pre-prepared and structured programs involving:
 - sourcing and using provided and/or prepared existing resources
 - participation in regular program planning and review meetings as required.
- Assist teachers with implementation of learning programs such as EALD, literacy, and numeracy support, gifted and talented programs etc. by:
 - guiding students in the use of a range of available software applications as applicable,
 - monitoring, supporting and supervising individual or small groups of students using pre-prepared provided programs, and with direction from the teacher (or delegate),
 - facilitating existing available computer learning support activities for students.
- Assist with communication between students and teachers, particularly the interpretation of instruction by:
 - establishing positive relationships with students, staff, and parents,
 - attending review meetings for student personal learning plans (as appropriate),
- Assist in the translation of simple instructions to support students individually and in small groups in the classroom, with guidance from the teacher.
- Assist with physical requirements of students requiring special care including assistance with personal care.
- General administration and associated duties including classroom photocopying, facilitation of consent forms, set up and tidy up activities and basic first aid.
- Actively participating in school activities, events, meetings, required training, professional development and professional reviews.
- Undertake other duties, as required by the Principal.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

- Commit to upholding and actively contributing to the Catholic ethos of the school.
- Demonstrated ability to work, supervise, and communicate effectively with students in a classroom or similar setting. Some experience working with students with special needs is highly desirable.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills to work effectively as part of a team, taking direction from teachers and school leaders to establish a cohesive team dynamic.
- Able to apply a range of well-developed skills to a variety of predictable problems and occasional unpredictable problems consistent with available knowledge and skillset.
- Ability to model positive behaviour, exercise some discretion and judgement to support student engagement and learning.
- Work under general supervision with instruction on non-routine practices, take responsibility for own work and outcomes to specified standards required of the role.
- Good organisational skills and time management to achieve specified outcomes within required timelines.
- Proficient computer skills and the ability to operate general office equipment.
- Demonstrated ability to maintain appropriate confidentiality.
- Ability to remain calm and effectively follow procedures during unexpected situations or emergencies.
- Contenance Care Training is desirable.

ROLE REQUIREMENTS

- A Certificate III in Education Support (or equivalent) and/or relevant demonstrated knowledge and experience in a comparable role.
- Act in accordance with the CESA Code of Conduct and the Charter for Staff in Catholic Schools in South Australia.
- Hold a current acceptable Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance & screening to work in Catholic Education South Australia.
- Hold current certification in Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect in Education and Care Settings.
- First Aid Qualification as directed by the school.
- As a worker, comply with the SA Work Health & Safety Act 2012 and, while at work, take reasonable care for their 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, with any reasonable instruction given by the employer.
 - Co-operate 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.

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