
Position Description

September 2018

Senior School Science Teacher

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The Teacher is responsible for creating an engaging, productive and disciplined learning environment in which every student is equipped and encouraged to learn. The Teacher will continually reflect on and adjust his/her teaching practice and actively engage in professional learning. All teachers at Queenwood are expected to contribute to the pastoral care programs and the wider life of the School, and the majority of teachers are required to act as Tutors within the School's pastoral care systems for which an additional allowance is payable.

This is a full time, temporary 12 month appointment commencing Term 1, 2019. Experience with HSC Physics and Chemistry courses is required. Experience teaching IB Chemistry and/or Physics is desirable.

Reporting Relationships

The post-holder will report ultimately to the Principal and directly to the Head of Science.

Role Responsibilities

- Plan, prepare and deliver instructional activities that facilitate active learning
- Develop schemes of work and lesson plans
- Establish and communicate clear objectives for all learning activities
- Prepare classroom for class activities
- Assess and manage risk for any first hand investigations undertaken as part of the practical component of the subject
- Provide a variety of learning materials and resources for use in educational activities
- Identify and select different instructional resources and methods to meet students' varying needs
- Instruct and monitor students in the use of learning materials and equipment
- Use relevant technology to support instruction
- Observe and evaluate students' performance and development
- Assign and grade examinations, assessment tasks, class work, homework, tests and assignments in a timely manner
- Provide appropriate, effective and timely feedback for formative and summative tasks completed by students
- Encourage and monitor the progress of individual students
- Maintain accurate and complete records of students' progress and development
- Update all necessary records accurately and completely as required within regulatory frameworks and under School policies
- Prepare required reports on students and activities

- Manage student behaviour in the classroom by establishing and enforcing rules and procedures
- Maintain discipline in accordance with the rules and disciplinary systems of the school
- Perform certain pastoral duties including but not limited to student support, counselling students with academic problems and providing student encouragement
- Participate in extracurricular activities such as social activities, sporting activities, clubs and student organisations
- Participate in department and school meetings, parent meetings
- Communicate necessary information regularly to students, colleagues and parents regarding student progress and student needs
- Keep up to date with developments in subject area, teaching resources and methods and make relevant changes to instructional plans and activities
- Attend meetings, training, school functions as required and perform regular duties such as playground duty, invigilation etc. Some of these may require attendance out of hours.
- Engage in an annual review and development process in alignment with the Australian Professional Teaching Standards in the spirit of ongoing professional learning
- Participate in the School's outdoor education program during Camp Week
- Contribute to departmental and School programs and activities beyond the curriculum
- Perform such other duties as the Principal may from time to time direct

Key Competencies

- A deep love of Science and the ability to foster in young people a love of the sciences.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Appropriate qualifications and eligibility to teach under the requirements of NSW law and School policy
- Thorough knowledge of effective and relevant teaching strategies based on student characteristics
- Strong understanding of NESA and/or IBO curriculum requirements and the ability to plan and deliver robust and stimulating teaching activities within well-structured programs
- Strong knowledge of contemporary safety and risk management procedures and obligations with regards to practical investigations undertaken as part of the Science curriculum
- Ability and willingness to evaluate and critically reflect upon own professional practice
- Proficiency in a range of technologies to support teaching and professional duties
- Ability to create a positive, supportive and engaging classroom climate that meets the academic, social and emotional needs of all students
- Commitment to educational excellence and an empathy with the ethos and ideals of Queenwood.

Personal Attributes

- A lively intellect with a strong interest in the life of the mind beyond the boundaries of externally imposed curricula
- Deep commitment to the welfare of young people and the ability to relate warmly and confidently with adolescents
- Collegial and flexible approach with a 'can do' attitude

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- High level organisational and planning skills
- Strong work ethic
- Initiative, maturity of judgment, resilience

Closing date for applications is Friday 19th October at 5pm.

PLEASE NOTE THAT QUEENWOOD ONLY ACCEPTS ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS

- Applications should include:
- Your WWCC number as per new regulations as at 15th June 2013
- Application for Employment - see Queenwood website Employment page:
<http://www.queenwood.nsw.edu.au/about-queenwood/employment/>
- Resume & cover letter addressing the criteria / position requirements
- Your email address
- Names and phone numbers of three confidential referees
- Applications to be emailed to: Assistant.to.DoC@queenwood.nsw.edu.au