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Campus Chaplain

A full-time position is available to join our dedicated team of College Chaplains commencing Term 2, 2014.

The successful applicant would uphold the Christian ethos of the College and have experience in the provision of pastoral care and wise counsel to students, families and staff preferably as a member of the Christian clergy or lay leader.

Experience working in educational settings or a teaching qualification would be advantageous. A proven ability to communicate well with adolescents and to work effectively in a team situation is also essential to the role.

Applications should be forwarded to:

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CLOSING DATE: Monday, 14th April 2014

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Chaplain – Role Statement

The Role of a Chaplain

Chaplains employed by Christian College Geelong will model the unconditional love demonstrated and taught by Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Bible. This will be demonstrated in unconditional love and care for all members of the Christian College community by upholding and modelling the College's stated values of Love, Hope, Faith, Truth and Grace.

While exercising their roles from within a Christian framework and promoting positive Christian values, Chaplains will be sensitive to and respectful of people who hold both religious and non-religious beliefs and values different from their own. Chaplains will be available to all students, staff and parents within Christian College, regardless of religious affiliation.

In matters of faith, Christian College Chaplains have a particular role:
a. In supporting and nurturing the faith of students at Christian College. In doing so, each Chaplain will be involved in local Christian churches and the College community, informing, teaching and communicating the Christian message.
b. For students from other faith backgrounds seeking nurture in their faith Chaplains will refer to appropriate avenues of support.

Chaplains at Christian College should possess the following qualities: -

- A belief that they have been called to this role
- An understanding of and commitment to the spiritual context of the role
- Ability to demonstrate strong pastoral care gifts, with a strong ability to relate to others
- A wisdom that enables wise decisions both from a spiritual context and a practical perspective
- The ability to work in a team
- A strong and demonstrated servant heart
- A strong passion for the Word of God

Chaplain's Role Statement

Chaplains at Christian College Geelong should exercise their duties from within a Christian worldview, promoting positive Christian values. Among the duties which may occupy the time of this position, with varying degrees of time and commitment, are the following: -

a. Support for students exploring their spiritual beliefs and world views

- Assist students to explore their worldview and beliefs through education and conversation
- Facilitate Christian activities or groups at Senior School with voluntary student participation.
- Liaise between Christian College and local Christian churches
- Visit local Christian churches on a regular basis
- Connect students with local Christian churches with parents'/caregivers' permission.
- Network with support services, other agencies and organisations in the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the College community.
- Network with and co-ordinate involvement in the College by external Christian programs and organisations (e.g. Youth for Christ; Local Christian Radio Station; Youth Alive; World Vision; Compassion; Salvation Army red Shield Appeal)
- Contribute to a chaplain/Christian Education webpage

b. Facilitate and provide pastoral care for all members of Christian College Community.

- Facilitate and provide pastoral care and personal support for students, staff and parents of the College community within a Christian framework in co-operation with the College's support staff
- Be available to Students and provide referral to other agencies for professional Health, Counselling, Psychological support etc. when required.
- Facilitate and provide pastoral care and support following Critical Incidents. (Chaplains will act and deal with critical incidents at the time then offer ongoing clinical support).
- Visit students who are absent from school (including school refusals, hospital visitation, bereavement)
- Assist with special needs and behavioural management programs
- Be available to meet with the Head of Campus and Deputy Head of Campus on a regular basis for consultation, discussion and wise counsel.

c. Christian Education Curriculum and Devotions

- Be involved as a mentor to all staff in the development of Christian Education curriculum as well as Christian content and/or context for other faculty curriculum development.
- To be a part of the Christian Education faculty.
- To be available as a resource for Christian Education classes
- To participate in curriculum discussions in other faculties making recommendations and providing ideas for using Christian content and resources, in order to assist teachers to teach Christianly and what that entails.
- To create ideas for the inclusion of Christian values in Devotions and Assemblies.
- To provide resources for teachers
- To develop a one on one relationship/mentor opportunity with campus staff re Devotions and Christian Education programs.
- To facilitate Staff Devotions rosters each term
- To provide and facilitate opportunities for other staff's own individual spiritual journey

d. Events and Activities

Facilitate and participate (with students and staff) in the following as required:

- Student leadership training events
- College excursions, sports days, speech nights, house group meetings, assemblies.
- Our World trips
- Trips to East Timor, Vietnam, Indonesia and Central Australia.
- Facilitate groups, events and activities with voluntary students participation including lunchtime groups, breakfast clubs etc.
- Plan and deliver Senior Campus services, such as Easter Service, Prefect Investiture, Staff Services and Student Commencement Services.

- Plan and be involved in Commencement of Term Services, End of Year Services, and Retreats etc.
- Coach sporting teams
- Facilitate and/or participate in parenting programs

Requirements of the Christian College Chaplain

In addition to the roles and qualities listed above, a Chaplain at Christian College Geelong: -

- Must hold a valid, current Working with Children Card
- Must have a qualification in Teaching / Theology or extensive experience in the field of Youth Work and Ministry.
- Is expected to be actively involved in a local Christian Church
- Must be willing to work in accordance with the Christian College Philosophical Statement and Values.
- Is expected to model and emphasise the main values of the Christian College Philosophical Statement
- Should hold and demonstrate a Christian Biblical worldview.

Reporting Relationships

Christian College Chaplains will report to the following people: -

- The Director of Chaplaincy and Christian Education
- The College Principal
- The College CEO
- The relevant Head of Campus
- Parents and families

Record Keeping

An official part of Chaplaincy will be professional record keeping as it relates to areas such as Mandatory Reporting, Crisis Intervention and Support, and Government Requirements.