



St Leonard's College

# Teaching Staff

## Position Description

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Position Title:	Primary Teacher – STEM specialist
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St Leonard's College is an open-entry, co-educational College offering outstanding education opportunities from Early Learning to Year 12.

St Leonard's is committed to providing a challenging, enriching, and collaborative learning community, which empowers each individual to nurture their talents and develop as deep reflective thinkers and responsible citizens to enable education for life.

### Position Status

Permanent full-time, commencing as soon as practical.

### Position Purpose

This role includes teaching STEM from prep to year 6 in purpose-built rooms at the College.

As St Leonard's College is committed to The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) from ELC to year 4, this position will be of particular interest to teachers who have a genuine interest in innovation in primary education, with particular experience in STEM education.

Also included in the role is the position of Junior School STEM coordinator, prep to year 4, which has a primary responsibility of preparing and teaching STEM curriculum in the Junior School. STEM incorporates the Science and Technology (Design and Digital Technologies) Curriculums.

While the teaching component of this position is permanent the Junior School STEM coordinator, as with the majority of positions of responsibility at the College, is a tenured position for three years. This position includes some time release and a modest remuneration.

### Overview of Teaching at The College

At St Leonard's College teachers operate in a multi-faceted role where duties include:

- Best practice in teaching
- Pastoral care
- Curriculum development and innovation
- Professional learning and engagement
- Co-curricular involvement
- General and Administrative responsibilities
- Duty of care responsibilities

At St Leonard's College, teachers are expected to support the values of the College which include:

### **Lifelong Learning**

We value and develop the essential personal qualities and skills for lifelong learning, including self-confidence, integrity, resilience and creativity. A St Leonard's education prepares students to take their place in the world and make meaningful contributions to society.

### **People**

Our young people are encouraged to embrace diversity and individuality as well as collective responsibility.

### **Partnership**

We consider education to be a partnership between students, teachers and parents, each with their separate roles and responsibilities.

### **Teachers**

Our teachers are committed to continuing personal and professional development and embrace educational innovations. They are fully equipped to adapt to the rapid changes in education.

### **Community**

Students become aware of the needs of the wider community and learn to engage in the world outside of the College community.

### **Environment**

We are committed to protecting the environment as well as addressing the challenges which will face future generations.

### **Diversity**

We welcome all cultures and celebrate diversity. Our students are encouraged to engage with people and cultures that are outside of their immediate world.

### **Other Functions & Responsibilities**

The responsibilities of a St Leonard's College teacher will reflect the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers comprising of the three domains of teaching: Professional Knowledge, Professional Practice and Professional Engagement and include, but are not limited to:

- Preparing and executing well-planned, academically rich and innovative lessons
- Developing a stimulating learning environment by using a variety of styles and approaches to cater for individual learning needs
- Employing a variety of effective teaching strategies to effectively implement the curriculum
- Ensuring that classrooms are places where technology is seamlessly, yet actively, employed to assist in effective learning
- Reporting on academic achievement to parents via the Continuous Reporting system and make appropriate levels of contact with parents as necessary
- Developing learning relationships with students that assist in developing the confidence and learning of St Leonard's College students
- Giving appropriate time to the planning of lessons and collaboration with other teachers as part of teaching teams

- Actively contributing to a culture of teaching and learning where teachers learn with, and from, each other and actively inquire into effective pedagogical practice
- Engaging in active and continuous professional learning that is relevant to their area/ subject discipline as well as concerns and debates in the education sphere more generally
- Being thoroughly versed in the policies of the College and abide by the policy directives
- Supporting Pastoral staff in ensuring that the expectations of student behaviour and dress are met
- Engaging with students in a variety of activities outside the classroom, including House and co-curricular activities.

Teachers are expected to undertake supervisory duties which are allocated in a roster either before school, at recess, lunchtime or after school. They are also expected to be involved in cocurricular activities, which may reflect particular skills and interests or as designated by the College. Teachers also undertake pastoral care responsibility. With each of these tasks it is the practice of the College to share the responsibilities as evenly as possible amongst the teaching staff so that there is no unreasonable load on any member of staff.

All teachers are expected to attend staff meetings and other ad hoc meetings as arranged. It is also an expectation that all members of teaching staff attend the College's major functions throughout the year.

## **Qualifications and Experience**

It is a condition of employment that all staff provide a current Employee Working with Children Check or VIT before their position will be confirmed. A Criminal Record check may also be requested in certain circumstances.

For Teachers at the College, VIT registration and a tertiary qualification in Education is required as a minimum.

For General Staff at the College, appropriate qualifications or experience for the specific role is a requirement.

## **Child Safe Responsibilities and Requirements**

St Leonard's College has zero tolerance for child abuse.

St Leonard's College is committed to the safety and wellbeing of our students.

All employees are required to have a positive history of working with children, and be able to demonstrate their suitability, experience and attributes in relation to child safety.

Prior to commencing employment information will be collected in order to establish suitability for child-connected work as defined in Ministerial Order 1359.

Everyone working at St Leonard's College is responsible for the care and protection of the children and young people within our care and reporting of information about suspected child abuse. This includes not only a strong belief but also a legal requirement to comply with the child safety and protection obligations under Ministerial Order No. 1359, and a strong commitment to be actively engaged in the College's child safe culture.

All members of staff share in the responsibility for the prevention and detection of child abuse, and must:

- Be responsible for understanding and applying the College's Child Safe Policy including being compliant with the Child Safe Code of Conduct and being proactive in reporting any concerns or identified risk, and will be required to read and formally acknowledge their acceptance of the school's Code of Conduct for staff
- Take all reasonable steps to protect children from abuse
- Report any reasonable belief that a child's safety is at risk to the Principal or delegate
- Teachers, nurses and psychologists fulfil their obligations as mandatory reporters
- Report any suspicion that a child's safety may be at risk to their supervisor (or, if their supervisor is involved in the suspicion, to the Principal or delegate)
- Promote the cultural safety, participation, and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- Promote the safety, participation, and empowerment of children with culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds
- Promote the safety, participation, and empowerment of children with a disability
- Provide an environment that is supportive of all children's emotional and physical safety

## General Responsibilities

All staff are to be supportive of the St Leonard's College Mission Statement and to enhance the school's reputation as one which is a warm and caring environment, characterised by efficiency, professionalism and a willingness to meet the individual needs of those within its community.

This position is covered by the conditions stipulated in the *St Leonard's College Agreement 2023*, and any subsequent Agreement.

- The College:
  - is an equal opportunity employer
  - complies with the requirements of the Privacy Act
  - has a strong commitment to Health, Safety and Wellbeing
  - will not tolerate harassment of any kind.
- College Standards - all staff are expected to actively support the following standards:
  - Communication – effective, helpful and positive
  - Confidentiality – Protect the privacy and confidentiality of all personal information (staff/families/students)
  - Teamwork – work together as a team to achieve the best results. Share information and collaborate across all sections of the College; trust, respect and support
  - Accountability – we do our work with honesty, integrity and enthusiasm
  - Performance – we perform to the best of our ability
  - Initiative – looking for opportunities to improve the way we work; flexible, adaptable and efficient.