

Hello potential staff member

Thank you for your interest in joining our staff team as we transition our youngest students into St Mark's in Term 3 2024. We are excited to be enhancing, for the first time, our transition to school program with this additional entry point to Foundation 2025.

We are finalising our plans for the learning space, along with structures and routines for our mid-year intake class. Our staff are visiting schools with mid-year intakes, and consulting with Early Learning Year educators as we finalise our pedagogy and curriculum expectations.

While all of our planning is essential, we know the key to success is appointing a passionate and skilled teacher to nurture the students into the beginning of their formal schooling journey.

The position is a continuing full time classroom teaching position, commencing in Week 9 of Term 2, Monday 24th June. The final weeks of Term Two provide an opportunity to become part of our staff team, participate in transition activities and make preparations for students beginning on Tuesday, 23rd July 2024.

St Mark's Lutheran School was established in 1982 by the St Mark's Lutheran Church in Mount Barker to provide quality Christian education to our community. From small beginnings, we have grown to a current enrolment of 336 students, with two classes in each year level. We are grounded in the gospel and community minded. We are seeking a passionate educator who has students front and centre, is a learner and collaborator.

The successful applicant will demonstrate the ability to maintain the standards of wellbeing, teaching and learning in our school and be able to make a positive contribution as a collaborator and member of our staff team. Quality teaching at St Mark's aligns with the three domains of *Professional knowledge*, *Professional practice* and *Professional engagement* as described in the AITSL teaching standards.

Applicants are invited to submit:

- A covering letter outlining your reasons for applying for this position.
- A statement clearly addressing your ability to meet the selection criteria below.
- A current CV listing two professional and one pastoral referee.

Selection Criteria:

- 1. Demonstrated ability to actively and personally engage with and support the ethos of a Lutheran School.
- 2. Demonstrated knowledge and experience of working with the Early Years Framework and how this informs the Australian Curriculum Foundation year.
- 3. A genuine passion for working with young children and a belief in the importance of early childhood education.
- 4. Demonstrated ability to develop quality relationships with students while maintaining a positive, focussed learning environment.
- 5. An understanding of the diverse needs of students and demonstrated skills in meeting these needs in the context of the classroom.

- 6. Demonstrated levels of flexibility, initiative, perseverance, and resourcefulness necessary to contribute to a professional learning community which values collaboration.
- 7. Demonstrated capacity to reflect critically upon their professional practice.

Educational and Vocational Qualifications:

The successful applicant will:

- Be currently registered by the SA Teachers Registration Board of South Australia as a teacher;
- Hold a current Basic First Aid certificate; and
- Have formal qualifications commensurate with the role requirements in providing learning and wellbeing appropriate to early years students.

Applications should be received no later than 4:00pm on Friday, 22nd March 2024 and be addressed or emailed to:

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