

Senior School Reading Specialist and Teacher of English Permanent Full time Commencing Term 1, 2019

LOWTHER HALL

Lowther Hall is an inclusive school for girls from Kindergarten to Year 12, committed to excellence for all. Situated in Essendon, it is the only Anglican independent school for girls in the area. The School has a maximum enrolment of 800, a size which enables each girl to be known as an individual. Senior School has approximately 450 students from Years 7 to 12. Lowther Hall is a learning community in which staff and students work together to achieve the shared goal of educating the whole girl for the whole of life.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The position has emerged out of a review of the School's Library/Learning Resource Centre and is a new role for 2019. It is in two parts:

1. Teacher of English (0.6 FTE)
2. Reading Specialist (0.4 FTE)

Teacher of English

The successful applicant should be an excellent classroom practitioner whose teaching is informed by contemporary educational research, especially in the areas of differentiation, teaching for understanding and the use of relevant technologies. They will be committed to their own learning and professional development. Passionate about their field, they will demonstrate the ability to build a culture of success in and enjoyment of English by students and to ensure high standards of teaching and learning.

Reading specialist

The main focus of this part of the position is to ensure that students in Senior School continue to develop a love of reading, both through direct engagement with the girls and by working collaboratively with English teachers.

The Reading Specialist will be expected to lead the wide reading program in consultation with the Head of English and to promote activities which encourage girls to read.

Assisting girls to select books and develop their reading skills will also be important aspects of the role.

Liasing with the Education Resources Managers and English staff to maintain the fiction collection is also an important part of the role, as is being a presence within the Reading Area and looking after this space.

This position involves pastoral care responsibilities and participation the cocurricular program.



Support of the School's values is essential.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicants should provide a statement of no more than 300 words which outlines the ways in which they fulfil the following criteria:

1. Appropriate qualifications in English (an English major is preferred) and an English Teaching method
2. A proven record as an outstanding English teacher / teacher candidate
3. Knowledge of a wide range of young adult and general fiction
4. Experience selecting and recommending reading for young adults (library experience is an advantage)
5. A proven ability to develop productive relationships with students, staff and parents
6. Excellent organisational, administrative and presentation skills
7. An understanding of the Lowther Hall context and requirements for ensuring child safety

APPLICATIONS

Applicants for this position, Senior School Literature Specialist, should include in their application the following information:

1. Full name
2. Residential/Postal address, email and phone contact details
3. Religious affiliation (optional)
4. Educational qualifications (a certified copy of Academic Transcript is required)
5. Previous work history
6. A statement of no more than 300 words addressing the selection criteria
7. A colour photocopy of VIT registration card
8. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of three professional referees from whom confidential information may be sought.

Applications close at 9:00am on Friday 10 August 2018. **They should be emailed to employment@lowtherhall.vic.edu.au and addressed to the principal.**

