

Role Description

Secondary Biblical Studies Teacher

Option of Full Time or Part Time
Commencing Term 1 2018



WCCS is committed to transforming lives by the proclamation of the gospel and the delivery of an excellent Christian education, accessible to the whole community.

Framework: Head, Heart and Hands:

Our task can be seen within the framework of:

- **head** (the ruling side of things – biblical rule of faith and practice, NESAs requirements, evidence based research, professional development),
- **heart** (your passion for the gospel, for your subject, for shepherding your faculty members and your students) and
- **hands** (the practical component of what you do: administration, stewardship, implementation in our situation).

Working at William Carey gives opportunity and responsibility for staff:

- to maintain a Christian lifestyle, growing in living God's way; promoting and modelling an understanding of living God's way in God's world as God's image;
- to develop their biblical worldview and to disseminate it.
- to share the gospel with students and parents, pointing them to Christ.
- to develop relationships with students, parents, colleagues and others that show the fruit of the Spirit, seasoned with salt, modelling Christ in their interactions and being sensitive to interpreting responses from students and parents who come from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds.
- to develop their professional skills, carrying out their duties in a competent and conscientious manner, while seeking opportunities to improve their knowledge and skills, including through participation in professional development.
- to work cooperatively to maintain a consultative and collaborative workplace
- to work humbly, following reasonable instructions given by their supervisor, complying with school policies and procedures, and being accountable for their own actions and decisions.

Line of command

This position is a teaching role. Teachers report directly to their head teacher or stage coordinator. See document entitled "Line of Command" for further details. Teachers report to the deputy for cover for absences (as well as their head teacher), and to the Director, Teaching and Learning, for matters of accreditation (regarding attaining or maintaining Proficient status with the Institute of Teachers or AIS' ISTAA portfolio).

Essential Criteria

- Be an evangelical Christian, able to support the school's Statement of Faith and committed to working a Christian worldview into all aspects of teaching and learning.
- Be qualified to teach and registered with the Institute of Teachers (NESA).
- Meet and maintain the criteria of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers (APST) at proficient level according to legislation.
- Have a current Working with Children Check as legislated.

William Carey Christian School, has an open enrolment policy (currently around 1350 students in total, with 650 in the high school) and all employees are evangelical believers. We aim to provide our community with an informed choice with respect to the gospel, through an education that brings the Word of God to bear on the whole person and all of life. We endeavour to support what we teach by the experience being part of a school community where we work out Christ's regime lovingly and faithfully, by example and in practice.

At William Carey we teach a mandatory Biblical Studies programme from Prep-Year 12. In the high school this involves three lessons per fortnight. Biblical Studies is an academic course. This includes assessment tasks, including half-yearly and yearly examinations in years 7-10. In the senior years assessment is via the submission of the student's journals responding to set Bible readings. These journals give students the opportunity to submit their responses and questions as they read the Bible, giving the teacher then the opportunity to engage with each student's thinking and answer their questions confidentially.

We make no assumptions with respect to any student's faith. We hope that by the time a student graduates from our school, we can say with confidence that we have faithfully presented to them "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27).

Teaching Biblical Studies at William Carey is very different from the role of a school chaplain, and is a very different dynamic than teaching Scripture in a state school. We cover much of the work one might expect of a chaplain via our welfare team (which involves all staff). We also run a wide range of voluntary groups whereby our Christian students can engage in fellowship, Bible Study and prayer, along with leadership training in areas of ministry, and various outreach activities, under the mentorship of various members of staff.

Selection Criteria:

- A person of Christian character and convictions, actively involved in church and committed to the work of Christian education.
- Appropriate tertiary theological qualifications, including teaching qualifications.
- A current Working With Children Check.
- An excellent classroom teacher with a deep and broad knowledge of current issues and best practice in education.
- Demonstrated capacity to work harmoniously with teams, whether in supervisory, collegial or advisory contexts.
- Demonstrated capacity to communicate clearly with students, colleagues and the wider community regarding educational and welfare issues.

Please email applications to antakleys@wccs.nsw.edu.au. Applications must include the Teacher Application Form, your Covering Letter, Resume, and notice of three Referees - one of which is your current Principal.

Applications close: 9:00am, Monday 9th October 2017

A Teacher will

Teach Christianly by

- planning and implementing well-structured learning and teaching programs or lesson sequences that engage all students and promote learning. (APS, 3.2.2)
- instructing from a biblical perspective, understanding the content of their subject area as informed by a biblical worldview.
- relating in a Christian manner to both staff and students, displaying care and diligence.
- sharing the Gospel with both boldness and sensitivity; discipling and nurturing Christian students.
- demonstrating a biblical understanding of the nature of the child.
- selecting appropriate teaching resources for the ethos of the school.

Fulfil curriculum requirements of the faculty/stage by

- developing programs for students of all abilities, using evidence based research and NESA syllabuses and supporting documents.
- completing and submitting registers and evaluations of programs, within the given timeframe; using evaluation to inform future planning.
- contributing to the development of scopes and sequences and delivering curriculum accordingly
- following assessment procedures, adhering to schedules set; maintaining records and samples of work and reporting to parents/carers in a timely fashion.
- presenting documentation in a clear and unambiguous manner, utilising school templates, where appropriate (e.g. assessment tasks, excursions, exams)
- consulting with head teacher and colleagues when planning other activities that impinge on others, including checking school calendar for potential clashes of interest before booking
- ensuring that assessment practices meet the NESA requirements for registration and accreditation.

Manage and oversee classes by

- displaying an awareness and implementation of agreed working practice
- participating in grading conversations, if required
- setting standards for student achievement grades and moderating marking
- displaying good teaching practices in their classroom
- using a variety of effective classroom management strategies.
- assessing students using a range of forms (e.g. formal and informal, diagnostic, formative and summative) to ensure effective feedback and reporting.
- consulting with supervisor and/or colleagues about issues relating to classroom management, pedagogy and discipline
- checking student profiles for your classes; utilising all information provided
- setting standards for class expectations eg. behaviour, bookwork
- ensuring lessons and resources are available for casual staff replacement/split packs/grade day

Encourage staff and student wellbeing by

- offering and maintaining an inclusive, supportive and safe teaching and learning environment
- supporting the pastoral care and wellbeing programs of the school, including by planning wellbeing lesson activities and attending PC school camps as necessary
- advocating for students at grade/stage meetings
- recording awards and disciplines on Edumate

- actively managing behaviour across the broader school community, including active supervision of playground, bus, detentions as rostered
- supporting privacy policy, including checking the “Do not publish” list.
- addressing staff/student/parent complaints within their area of responsibility and referring appropriately when necessary
- being prompt to classes, playground duties, exam supervisions, class covers (in lieu of or extra classes) and meetings.

Relate to parents by

- attending primary/high school information nights, promoting a positive learning culture and team mentality, being accessible to parents who have questions, contributing to preparing and evaluating resources as required
- supporting parent teacher nights by involvement in faculty/stage discussion prior to and after the event, regarding the focus of the interviews;
- attending parent teacher nights in order to support students and families, fielding questions by students or parents, resolving conflict, and following up parent enquiries, requests and complaints.
- attending other parent teacher interviews, including IPs, ensuring appropriate preparation for the interview, following up any issues arising, distributing significant information to relevant executive
- communicating clearly and timely with parents, supporting families in collaboration with executive, documenting discussion and referring to executive for counsellor consideration, supporting school policies to the community
- having direct contact (phone or face-to-face conversation) with your pastoral care/primary class parents in the first few weeks of school
- promoting class/faculty/stage events through Newsletter an/or blog articles
- supporting and being involved in school community events, assisting with resources where appropriate, developing rosters/roles if required
- supporting families and staff by investigating concerns and acting on findings; documenting and referring as required (e.g. NCCD), supporting school policies to the community
- supporting public relations/marketing by promoting a positive attitude towards the school

Develop as a faculty/stage member by

- attending induction and training, and mentoring opportunities
- being involved in professional development, including developing biblical framework; maintaining currency of knowledge related to required curriculum; reporting back what you have learned.
- undergoing performance review, celebrating achievements and pursuing growth;
- using individual gifts and delegated responsibilities as appropriate and/or required.
- supporting the maintenance of a resource management system as required

Collaborate within the school community by

- adopting a collegial attitude towards all staff, students and parents
- liaising with others regarding shared classes or resources
- seeking to resolve conflicts
- discussing and developing strategies to work cooperatively with others regarding practices and expectations.

Be professional in their approach by

- proofreading all written communications issued by them to parents or students or staff
- using current documentation, including using the school’s current logo and form and style for all documents and presentations

- using ICT, including electronic communication, effectively and ethically

Ensure school and faculty/stage policy is followed by

- complying with the faculty/stage handbook, teachers' handbook, school policy/procedure statements

Show stewardship of the school resources by

- wisely using consumables (including electricity and water) and capital items
- sharing graciously and quickly returning borrowed items.
- following agreed working practice in relation to use of rooms
- monitoring and managing appropriate teaching and faculty/stage resources, within budget constraints
- monitoring and maintaining classroom environment, including teaching resources and ICT; liaising with head teacher/stage coordinator regarding required resources or servicing of rooms and equipment