



Learning Support Officer

St Bede's College is a Catholic school in the Lasallian spirit and tradition. The College is a faith community committed to social justice, especially to those who are "*the lost, the least and the last*". Our motto is *Per Vias Rectas* (By Right Paths).

This role description is written in light of the Mission and Vision Statements of the College. Our Community is characterised by a strong set of values that underpin the way we live. We enact those values by respecting and honouring our collective heritage while looking with imagination to the future. The College seeks to assist young men to take their place in society, alive with the wisdom of the gospel

Commitment to Ethos

All staff in the Catholic school have an indispensable role to play in furthering the mission of the Church. It is expected of all employed in a Catholic school that they:

- Accept the Catholic educational philosophy of the school.
- Develop and maintain an adequate understanding of those aspects of Catholic teaching that touch upon their subject areas and other aspects of their work by their teaching and other work and by personal example, strive to help students to understand, accept and appreciate Catholic teaching and values.
- Avoid, whether by word, action or public lifestyle, influence upon students that is contrary to the teaching and values of the Church Community, in whose name they act.
- Comply with the accreditation policy of the CECV to teach in a Catholic school.
- Furthermore, it is expected of all employed at St Bede's College that they accept and support the ethos of the *Lasallian Order* and activities directed at the broader aims of the College.

St Bede's College is a Child Safe School

St Bede's College holds the care, safety and wellbeing of its students to be at the core of all we do. The College is resolutely committed to ensuring that all staff of the College act in a manner that promotes the inherent dignity of each of our young men and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe school environment. This commitment includes regular and appropriate learning opportunities in relation to child safety and young people's protection and wellbeing.

We also commit to listening to, and taking seriously, all concerns voiced by students, staff, parents and caregivers, volunteers, contractors and clergy. We commit to continuously reviewing and improving our systems to protect children from abuse.

Our commitment is drawn from and inherent in the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

Overview

The Learning Support Officer at St Bede's College:

- Is primarily responsible to the Learning Diversity Leader for assisting in the support of students with diverse learning needs.
- Will assist students on an individual or group basis in specific learning areas. English, History, Geography and Science will be prioritised.
- Will work under the supervision of the teacher who has the ultimate responsibility for the design, implementation, and evaluation of education programs.
- Will typically work across a particular year level so that Year Level Leaders, Support Managers and subject teachers have a point of contact for supported students.
- Will work to a 10- day timetable after initial assessment of student needs at Years 7-12. Students at the Substantial and Extensive levels for the NCCD will be prioritised.
- Is expected to be in the classroom as a support for the student/s with additional needs.
- Is expected to record notes regarding support provided to students with diverse learning needs in all classes. These notes should be entered on the Google Doc in the Shared Drive.

Specific Duties

The Learning Support Officer is expected to:

- Work cooperatively with parents, teachers, students and other Support Assistants for the support of students with learning needs.
- Assist teachers with the development of Personal Learning Plans.
- Monitor the specific aims and goals of students' learning plans in association with class/subject teachers and provide feedback to teachers on students' progress.
- Encourage and support students to do as much as they can for themselves so they do not become over-reliant on support.
- Provide personalised support, e.g. mobility or communication support, where required
- Supervise the core program, work completion whilst the class teacher assists students requiring additional support
- Assist students with their personal organisation and help them manage lesson/lesson and break-time/lesson/break-time transitions.
- Assist students by implementing modified learning programs using strategies such as:
 - Showing students organisational skills
 - Reinforcing new concepts
 - Using alternative methods to promote learning, more suited to students' learning strengths
 - Reading instructions
 - Re-explaining teacher instructions
 - Note-taking
 - Providing explanations
 - Adapting work to make it accessible
 - Developing resources suited students' ability level
 - Redirecting students' attention back to the task, etc

- Support students in ways to promote inclusion with peers.
- Be aware of promoting wellbeing with the learning support students
- Provide specific medical attention and personal care as required.
- Communicate with class and subject teachers regarding any concerns about a student – work habits, performance, behaviour etc
- Attend excursions and camps, where required.
- Attend PSG meetings, staff and Learning Diversity Meetings, as required.
- Participate in courses and professional development activities as required.
- Keep comprehensive LSO notes as evidence for NCCD student adjustment level - Google Drive
- Maintain confidentiality of information.
- Be deployed, by the Learning Diversity Leader, to other classes or duties when there are program changes, absences or when unforeseen situations arise.
- Comply with the School Code of Conduct and Child Safety policies.

The Learning Support Officer reports to the Learning Diversity Leadership team, and is a 12-month, fixed term appointment.