



FOR RUDOLF STEINER EDUCATION LTD.

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR 2018 **JOB DESCRIPTION**

Counsellors can enjoy a unique role in a school community. They can make a meaningful difference to a student who may be experiencing challenges at school or home. We are looking for an experienced and dedicated school counsellor to work in collaboration with teachers and parents to enhance the wellbeing of children within our school.

If you have a compassionate, empathetic nature and enjoy a genuine rapport with children, teachers and the community, we encourage you to apply for the role of counsellor in our school.

This position is part-time (one day per week). Remuneration is based on the Independent Schools NSW (Support and Operational Staff) Multi –Enterprise Agreement 2017.

Mumbulla School for Rudolf Steiner Education is looking for an experienced counsellor. You will be responsible for:

- counselling students individually in a range of mental health, wellbeing and behaviour areas
- working closely with teachers focusing on the mental health and welfare needs of children
- referring students or their families to appropriate external health and/or welfare agencies as required
- providing advice to teachers and parents concerning students, including those with special needs
- participating and leading work involving the school's student welfare programs – KidsMatter and BounceBack!, including teacher education
- respond, as part of a team, to any major critical incidents experienced in the school

Relevant qualifications:

- Suitably qualified Counsellor or Psychologist with experience working with children.
- Previous teaching experience or work within a school is an advantage

In relation to working in the school, you will be expected to:

- Update teachers and Education Manager on relevant issues as needed
- Be available to discuss relevant issues with teachers and teaching staff
- Provide relevant professional development sessions as needed and by mutual arrangement with the College Executive Team.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- ◆ Be a qualified counsellor/psychologist with proven experience working in schools and/or clinical experience working with children.
- ◆ Ability to communicate effectively and appropriately with children, parents and teachers.
- ◆ Commitment to working with children with diverse learning needs.
- ◆ Proven understanding of children and child development.

- ◆ Familiarity with the child protection system and reporting structure within NSW.
- ◆ An understanding of the principles of Rudolf Steiner Education or a willingness to develop this.