

# St Mary's College Seymour

## Position Description



### Teacher

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Classification	T1-1 to T2-6
Award	Victorian Catholic Education Multi Employer Agreement (VCEMEA) 2018
Tenure	Ongoing
Employment	Full-time
Reports to	Principal

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### Our College

St Mary's is a Catholic College that has its origins in the vision of Catherine McAuley, the foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. The College is governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

The College has a dedicated staff, visionary College Advisory Council, committed P&F, supportive parents and parish led by Fr Eugene Ashkar. The College motto, 'Protect and Care for Us' values every member of our College community.

A holistic education brings together faith, community, friends and learning. We develop the skills and knowledge that will assist students to become motivated and thoughtful citizens, promoting achievement, wellbeing and engagement.

Our College believes that all things are possible when students understand their God-given gifts and abilities and who never give up on their dreams. Academic success, student wellbeing and faith formation assist students to grow from curious Foundation students into responsible, respectful and capable young adults who understand the importance of giving back to their family, school and wider community.

Our teaching and non-teaching staff, as role models, inspire the students through their enthusiasm and passion for learning. At St Mary's we believe that nurturing a personal relationship with Christ is our greatest responsibility.

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### Our Vision

A welcoming Catholic community that respects our heritage and looks to a sustainable future. We inspire learning excellence, resilience, and service to others.

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### Mercy Values and Ethos

- Compassion: Responding to vulnerability with care and concern
- Justice: Seeking fair and equitable outcomes for all
- Respect: Treating all whom we meet with joy and kindness
- Hospitality: Offering welcome and comfort
- Service: Dedicated to proclaiming God's love through word and deed
- Courage: Willing to speak up and speak out in response to injustice

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## Position Overview

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A Teacher at St Mary's College Seymour is responsible to the Principal for the delivery of high quality teaching and learning experiences. The role requires the teacher to create and build healthy and productive relationships with students, colleagues, parents, and community members.

All teachers at St Mary's work in a collaborative way with colleagues, students and their families, and the wider community enhancing student outcomes and promoting Mercy Values through the College's vision, mission, and strategic plan.

A teacher is directly responsible to the Principal, Deputy Principal Operations and Directors. Internal liaisons include Positions of Leadership, staff, and students. External liaisons include parents/families, MACS staff, service providers and contractors.

This Position Description may be subject to change during the term of appointment as part of a normal process of ongoing evaluation of the College's operations.

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## Key Duties & Responsibilities

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### Pastoral Care and Child Safety

- Provide students with a child-safe environment.
- Be familiar with and comply to the College's child-safe policy and code of conduct, and any other policies or procedures relating to child safety.
- Proactively monitor and support student wellbeing.
- Exercise pastoral care in a manner which reflects College policies and values.
- Implement strategies which promote a healthy and positive learning environment.
- Demonstrate duty of care for student physical and mental wellbeing.
- Uphold the professional standards expected of a teacher.

### Curriculum Development

- Plan and implement The St Mary's College Scope and Sequence, as developed from the Victorian Curriculum Outcomes.
- Provide a well-informed educational vision which demonstrates understanding and contemporary learning practices including IT, research and pedagogy.
- Deliver high-quality, engaging instruction using a range of teaching strategies including discussion, direct teaching, modelling and independent practice
- Evidence of skill in using data to inform teaching practice and to differentiate learning to enable every child to experience success.
- Exemplary learning and teaching skills with the capacity and desire to share this knowledge within a collaborative environment.
- Adhere to system/state requirements including the standards of professional practice – Australian Standards of Teaching.
- Monitor student progress, provide meaningful and regular feedback
- Provide relevant opportunities for parent/carer involvement in the educative process.
- Work with Learning Support Officers (LSO) to deliver and monitor adjusted programs for students as identified by the student's Personal Learning Plan (PLP).

### Child Safety

- Be familiar with and comply with the College's child-safe policy and code of conduct, and any other policies or procedures relating to child safety.
- Assist in the provision of a child-safe environment for students.
- Demonstrate duty of care to students in relation to their physical and mental wellbeing.

### Professional Practice

- Attend training and professional learning programs to maintain skillset for this role.
- Commit to attending professional development – lifelong learning.

- Continue development of ICT skills as technologies evolve.
- Participate in performance appraisal.

### Other duties

- Demonstrate professional and collegiate relationships.
- Contribute to a healthy and safe work environment for self, others and comply with safe work policies and procedures.
- Be familiar and comply with the College's First Aid and Emergency procedures.
- Maintain currency of first aid, mandatory reporting and anaphylaxis training.
- Attend all relevant meetings, whole College events such as College assemblies, sports events, mass, community, faith days, and transition and information sessions, including out of hours.
- Participate in supervision as rostered and other required supervision duties.
- Other duties as directed by the Principal.

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### Child Safety

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St Mary's College is committed to the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of our students.

The College has a zero tolerance to all forms of child abuse and actively works to listen and empower students. The College has policies and processes in place to protect students from abuse and takes all allegations and concerns seriously and responds in line with the organisation's policies and procedures.

All staff appointed to the College are expected to take an active role in maintaining children's safety and have a demonstrated understanding of appropriate behaviours when engaging with children. They must therefore be a suitable person to engage in child connected work while holding a current registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) or a Victorian Working with Children Card (WWC).

Staff are required to have a sound knowledge of their legal obligations relating to child safety under Ministerial Order No. 1359 Child Safe Standards.

Staff must adhere to the following:

- A thorough understanding of the College's Child Protection - Child Safety and Wellbeing Policies and the College's Child Safety Code of Conduct, and any other policies and procedures relating to child safety and wellbeing;
- Assist in the provision of a child-safe environment for students;
- Demonstrate duty of care to students in relation to their physical and mental wellbeing.

Breaches will be managed as per the *VCMEA 2018 Clause 13 – Managing Employment Concerns*.

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### Occupational Health and Safety

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There is responsibility, incumbent on all staff, to ensure that the regulations associated with Occupational Health and Safety are adhered to.

Staff are to:

- Take reasonable care of their own safety and health and safety of others affected by their acts or omissions;
- Report hazards, accidents or incidents (near misses) in accordance with agreed College procedures;
- Follow established safe working procedures, instructions and rules;
- Cooperate with the employer with respect to any action taken by the employer to comply with any requirement imposed by or under the Act;
- Not wilfully or recklessly interfere or misuse anything provided in the interests of health and safety or the welfare of others; and
- Not wilfully place at risk the health and safety of any other person in the workforce.

The complete Occupational Health and Safety Policy may be viewed by accessing <https://www.smseymour.catholic.edu.au/our-school/college-policies/>

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## Selection Criteria

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### Commitment to Catholic Education

- A demonstrated understanding of the ethos of a Catholic school and its mission.
- A demonstrated understanding of the Church's teachings and the Catholic teacher's role in the mission of the Church.
- A demonstrated capacity to instil in students a respect for each other in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- A capacity to integrate the Church's teachings into all aspects of curriculum.
- Understand the importance of nurturing a personal relationship with Christ.

### Commitment to Child Safety

- Experience working with children.
- A demonstrated understanding of child safety.
- A demonstrated understanding of appropriate behaviours when engaging with children.
- Familiarity with legal obligations relating to child safety (e.g. mandatory reporting).
- Be a suitable person to engage in child-connected work.

### Qualifications/Experience

#### **Essential:**

- Teaching qualifications.
- Current Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) registration.
- Accreditation to teach in a Catholic school (or be working towards such accreditation).

### Skills and Attributes

- Ability to work as part of a team; proactive; willing to show initiative and can listen.
- Very good oral and written communication skills, including ability to communicate with children, parents and the school community.
- Proven effective learning and teaching skills; management of staged/mixed ability classes.
- Can value add in a range of school activities, e.g. school sports, sacramental programs, liturgies, school camps/excursions.
- Leadership qualities and ability to support and empower others.
- Ability and willingness to accept policy directives.
- Values professional/personal presentation; enthusiastic & motivated to contribute.
- Maintain high work standards with minimal supervision.
- Flexible and able to operate effectively in a changing environment.

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### Other information

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- This position is located at 90 High Street, Seymour 3660.
- Terms and conditions of service are set out in the VCMEA (2018).
- The successful applicant must hold or be willing to acquire a Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) registration and a National Police Record check before employment.
- St Mary's College, Seymour is a Child Safe School. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

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