



# Join us at Heathdale

Serving with Purpose in a Christ-Centered Community



# Introduction

## Faith, Learning & Community

*Heathdale Christian College is a vibrant learning community grounded in a Christ-centred worldview, where faith and education are deeply intertwined. At the heart of the College's ethos lies a commitment to nurturing students not only academically but also spiritually, morally, and socially. The Christian values of love, grace, integrity, humility, and service shape every aspect of school life—from the classroom to the playground, from leadership to community engagement.*

The College fosters a culture where students and staff are encouraged to explore their God-given potential, develop a strong moral compass, and grow in their understanding of God's purpose for their lives. Through daily devotions and a curriculum infused with biblical principles, Heathdale equips students and staff to think critically, act compassionately, and lead lives of faith and character in a complex world.

This holistic approach to education ensures that students graduate not only with academic excellence but also with a deep sense of identity, purpose, and a heart for serving others.

Equally vital to this mission is the College's staff culture, which reflects the principles of the Ideal Team Player: humble, hungry, and people smart. Staff members model humility by placing the needs of students and other staff and the broader community above personal recognition, fostering a spirit of collaboration and grace. They are hungry to grow—professionally and spiritually—demonstrating a deep commitment to continuous improvement and excellence in their calling. And they are people smart, cultivating strong relationships through empathy, wisdom, and effective communication. This culture of servant leadership and teamwork ensures that Heathdale remains a place where both students and staff thrive in a supportive, purpose-driven environment.



## Werribee Campus

Established in 1982, the Werribee campus is the original home of Heathdale Christian College. Over the decades, it has grown into a dynamic and comprehensive learning environment that caters to students from 3-year-old Kindergarten through to Year 12. Nestled in Melbourne's west, the campus is known for its strong academic programs, vibrant co-curricular offerings, and nurturing Christian culture. It provides a seamless educational journey, allowing students to grow in faith, character, and knowledge from their earliest years through to graduation.



## Melton Campus

Launched in 2014, the Melton campus extends Heathdale's mission into the fast-growing western corridor of Melbourne. Serving students from Prep to Year 12, Melton offers a close-knit community where families experience the same high-quality Christian education and values that define Heathdale. With modern facilities and a passionate team of educators, the campus continues to expand and innovate, supporting students in their academic and spiritual development.

Together, both campuses reflect Heathdale's commitment to cultivating lifelong learners who are grounded in faith, equipped for service, and prepared to make a meaningful impact in the world.



# Meet our Leaders

## People & Development Team

### Senior Leadership



**Ross Grace**  
Executive Principal



**Yvonne Harvey**  
Principal of Primary  
- Werribee



**Deborah Letcher**  
Principal of Secondary  
- Werribee



**Iain Belot**  
Principal of Melton



**Graeme Hallett**  
Director of Learning  
& Teaching



Director of Student  
Wellbeing



**Andrew Ballesty**  
Director of Business

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### Deputy Principals



**Daniel Lee**  
Deputy Principal of  
Primary - Werribee



**Daniel Deroon**  
Deputy Principal of  
Secondary - Werribee



**Nick Kopitschinski**  
Deputy Principal of  
Melton

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### People & Development Team



**Rose Tukufuka**  
People & Development  
Lead



**Martiza Mejia**  
Recruitment Lead



**Vera Palacios**  
People & Development  
Administrator

# Joining our Team

## From Application to Belonging

*At Heathdale Christian College, we are committed to employing staff who reflect our Christian values and contribute to a culture of humility, growth, and relational wisdom. Our recruitment process is designed to ensure that each candidate is assessed fairly and thoroughly, with consideration for both professional capability and alignment with our Christ-centred ethos.*



### Our recruitment process includes the following stages:

#### 1. APPLICATION

**Interested in applying for the role?** Submit your application via the online recruitment portal on our College website at [heathdale.vic.edu.au/employment](http://heathdale.vic.edu.au/employment). Please keep your resume and cover letter accessible. We'll also ask a few questions so we can learn more about you and your experience.

#### 2. SHORTLISTING

After reviewing every application for relevant skills and experience and alignment with Heathdale's values, we'll contact shortlisted candidates to move into the interview stage.

#### 3. INTERVIEWS

Our interview process typically involves three rounds. First and second round interviews focus on your suitability for the role, cultural fit, and often a demonstration of your gifts and talents. The People

& Development Team are here to support you and is always happy to answer any questions as you prepare.

After reference checks, the preferred candidate will have the opportunity to meet with our Executive Principal to talk about how personal and College values and mission align.

#### 4. ONBOARDING

If you're offered the role, congratulations! Our desire is to set you up for success from day one. That means walking with you through our onboarding process, making sure you feel prepared and are welcomed into our community.

**What happens if I'm not successful?** At Heathdale, we do our best to notify all candidates via email or phone call if they are unsuccessful. We really value your time and effort applying for the role and wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

For any recruitment enquiries, please email [recruitment@heathdale.vic.edu.au](mailto:recruitment@heathdale.vic.edu.au)

*Please note that the process may vary at times depending on the College's timelines and operational requirements.*



# Primary Teacher

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

**REPORTING TO** : Principal of Primary

**CAMPUS** : Werribee

**TENURE** : Fixed Term Contract

### INTRODUCTION

Heathdale Christian College is a co-educational, Kindergarten to Year 12 Christian College operating at Werribee and Melton being Prep to Year 12.

Teachers will work and act in accordance of the Biblical principles and beliefs, as set out in the College Statement of Faith and Values. It is an inherent requirement that staff are supportive of and abide by the Christian foundations, Christian ethos and Christian practice of the College.

### POSITION SUMMARY

This position requires Primary Teachers to have the ability to effectively teach, engage and educate young people. Our Christ-centred education is paramount to growing our vision of the College and providing a deep and rich learning experience for our students.

### KEY RELATIONSHIPS

- Principal of Primary – Werribee
- Deputy Principal - Werribee
- Learning Team Leaders
- Head of Learning Module
- Learning Enhancement Team
- Students
- Staff
- Families
- Relevant Professional Bodies



## KEY RESPONSIBILITIES & DUTIES

### *Teaching*

- Exercise a particular student welfare responsibility for students in their classrooms.
- Demonstrated commitment to serving Christ in Christian Education.
- Ability to work within a team environment.
- Participate in the understanding of the College's Christian philosophy of education and its practical outworking through the professional development of staff.
- Ability to lead, inspire, support and encourage students through teaching from a Christian worldview.
- Capacity to select and use appropriately, a wide range of teaching and assessment strategies to suit the needs of a diverse range of students.
- Ability to effectively teach the Heathdale Christian College's Curriculum for students in Primary School.
- Ability to critically reflect upon educational trends as well as your own professional practices.
- Demonstrate the capacity for best practice in curriculum development, implementation, evaluation and assessment.
- Partner with parents or guardian/s with ensuring support and that effective and open communication is maintained.
- Have an appropriate level of understanding of students, including their diverse linguistic, cultural and social backgrounds.
- Work with key staff to ensure that the student's well-being and safety is addressed and being managed.
- Display appropriate behaviour management strategies to ensure a safe, orderly and successful learning environment, addressing discipline issues promptly, fairly and respectfully.
- Lead and organise regular class devotions.
- Follow up students in relation to lateness or absences.

### *Accountability*

- Demonstrate a deep understanding of the teaching / learning / assessment cycle to ensure student educational growth.
- Display thoughtful knowledge of current and relevant school curriculum.
- Demonstrate core understanding of the teaching methods relevant to Primary Teachers.
- Embrace and enhance the use of technology to engage students.
- Assist in providing advice and leadership to student teachers if and/or when required.



## CHILD SAFETY

The College has a zero tolerance of child abuse.

This position is responsible for taking all practical measures to ensure that Heathdale Christian College's Child Protection and Safety Policy, Procedure and Code of Conduct are implemented effectively, ensuring that a strong and sustainable child protection culture is maintained within the College.

We have established a series of Child Safety Policies, Procedures and a Code of Conduct for all employees, volunteers and contractors working with our students. This is aimed to protect children from abuse and embed a culture of child safety in the school environment.

For more information, please refer to the College website at <https://www.heathdale.vic.edu.au/about/policies/>.

### *Interpersonal Skills*

- Demonstrate a high level of communication, professional and interpersonal skills when relating to teachers, students, parents and colleagues.
- Have a willingness to attend professional development days/sessions.
- Provide assistance to other team members and colleagues if or when required.

### *General and Administrative*

- To ensure that the curriculum that is being delivered is documented and up to date.
- Use technology for the purpose of updating systems, reporting, student feedback and academic progress.
- Adhere to College policies, procedures and practices.
- Adhere to the College expectations regarding personal and professional presentation and dress.
- Attend and if required participate in daily staff devotions.
- As required, participate and attend faculty or staff meetings.

## OTHER DUTIES

Any other assigned duties may be directed by the Principal or their nominee as required and in consultation.

Display and have the ability to perform the tasks which are essential to perform job productively and to the required professional standard. The ability to work effectively in a team, ensuring safety and good work practices at all times.



## COLLEGE EXPECTATIONS

All staff are expected to:

- Perform their responsibilities in a manner which reflects the College's mission, objectives, and philosophy. In particular, staff are expected to role model an active Christian faith that will be demonstrated in part by an active involvement in the wider Christian Church.
- Be Christian role models and examples to all people associated with the College.
- Participate in leading College devotions that involve staff and attendance at the staff spiritual enrichment days.
- Support the College's guidelines and policies.
- Perform your responsibilities in a manner which reflects and responds to continuous improvement.
- Contribute to the efficient and effective functioning of their team\ to meet organisational objectives. This includes demonstrating appropriate and professional workplace behaviours, providing assistance to team members if required and undertaking other key responsibilities or activities as directed by one's supervisor.
- Perform your responsibilities in a manner which reflects the College's zero tolerance for child abuse and in accordance with the College's Child Safety policies.
- Familiarise themselves and comply with the relevant College policies including Occupational Health and Safety.

## REMUNERATION

The salary will reflect both qualification and experience.

Annual performance and salary reviews will be conducted by the Principal or their nominee.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

- Minimum Degree in Primary Education
- Valid VIT registration
- Strong verbal and written communication skillset
- Ability to work autonomously and as part of a team
- First Aid qualified
- CPR qualified
- Anaphylaxis qualified



## ATTACHMENT 'A'

Key Relationships defined:

| WITH                                               | PURPOSE                                                                                                             | FORM                  |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Principal of Primary & Deputy Principal - Werribee | Report to and work with Primary Principals for the purpose of providing Christ-centered education for our students. | On a 'as needs basis' |
| Learning Team Leaders                              | Work with Learning Team Leaders to ensure successful learning for our students                                      | On a 'as needs basis' |
| Head of Learning Module                            | As required work with the relevant Head of Learning module to ensure student learnings and/or discipline issues     | On a 'as needs basis' |
| Learning Enhancement Team                          | Work closely with the teachers and assistants to assist student development.                                        | Regular               |
| Students                                           | Manage the student engagement with your classroom.                                                                  | On a 'as needs basis' |
| Staff                                              | Work closely with your colleagues to ensure learning opportunities and teamwork.                                    |                       |
| Families                                           | Develop a working relationship with relevant families for the successful learning of their child/ren at the College | On a 'as needs basis' |