

Chaplain, Mooroolbark East Primary School, VIC

Young Life Australia has a part-time chaplaincy position at Mooroolbark East Primary School offering 2 days per week working in the school. The school chaplain role is part of the Federal Government's National School Chaplaincy programme initiative and funding has been made available until 2018.

Young Life Australia is a non-denominational Christian charity that mentors and offers stable, caring role models to young people, operating in a number of urban and rural communities around Australia.

Our focus is to build confidence, values and resilience in Australia's young people through significant relationships with adult role models. Young Life aims to be a leading organisation for positively impacting children and youth, with a resultant positive transformation to the wider community.

Young Life seeks a chaplain who will have a holistic approach to working with children in the primary school setting. The position would include offering support and guidance about ethics, values, relationships, spirituality and religious issues to students and their families, teachers and staff. The chaplain would be supported by the Young Life staff and school staff.

The chaplain would be expected to attend annual training events annually.

To be successful in the role you will need to be suitably qualified and confident working with children, have a mature outlook, and agree with the aims and working principles of Young Life and the school chaplaincy programme.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted. Desired start date is January 2017.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS

- Minimum Certificate IV in Youth Work or Pastoral Care or equivalent, including 'mental health' and 'making appropriate referrals' competencies.
- Experience in working with primary age children
- Sound spoken and written communication skills
- High organisational and time management proficiencies
- Ability to work both independently and in a team environment
- Ability to lead a team of volunteers and delegate responsibility
- Capacity to run and co-ordinate events
- Current unrestricted driver licence

HIGHLY DESIRABLE

- Additional training and/or experience in children's work, counselling, teaching, or theology (Diploma or higher)
- Experience in dealing with or counselling at-risk/disadvantaged young people
- Experience in conflict resolution
- Experience running children's programmes and activities
- Background in youth/children's ministry

Email a letter of application addressing the required/desired skills and attach a resume. Only Australian citizens and permanent residents will be considered. You must be over 18 and must obtain and maintain a Working With Children Check and a National Police background check.

Email your application to: office@younglife.org.au with 'Mooroolbark East Chaplain' in the subject line. You can call Young Life on 1300 557 647 for more information.

Please additionally provide character references from two people, with one being from your Pastor/Minister. Remuneration package will be discussed at interview.

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Applications close 5 January 2017 at 5.00 pm.