

Student Wellbeing Support Officer – Chaplain, Armidale High School & Duval High School, Armidale NSW

Young Life Australia has a position available in Armidale, NSW. The role is for 4 days a week as a Student Wellbeing Support Officer – Chaplain. The contract period for the role concludes at the end of 2020.

Young Life Australia is a non-denominational Christian charity specialising in mentoring young people and offering stable and caring adult role models to teenagers through a relational approach to young people outside the usual reach of the local church. Young Life operates in over a dozen urban and rural communities around Australia. Our mission is to build confidence, values and resilience in Australia's young people through significant relationships with adults who model the love of Jesus Christ.

There is a 4 day / week job available with Young Life Armidale. The role entails 4 days / week as a Student Wellbeing Support Officer – Chaplain (funded in partnership by the NSW Student Wellbeing Support Program, Armidale & Duval High Schools & Young Life Australia).

Young Life seeks someone who will have a holistic approach to working with young people in a high school setting. The position would include offering support to students, staff and parents. You will also have the ability to inspire, lead, and grow a volunteer team of adult leaders. It is expected that you will have a strong Christian faith and a mature outlook. The role would be supported by the Armidale Area Manager and Area Committee.

The Student Welfare Support Officer would be expected to attend training events (in February and June) and would be encouraged to integrate the role into other Young Life activities and camping programs.

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

The following has been taken directly from the NSW Dept. of Education website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/whole-school-approach/wellbeing-support/student-wellbeing-support-program>

While the key tasks of a student wellbeing support officer will vary depending on the needs of individual school communities, they include:

- Working closely with, and/or as part of the school learning and support team or wellbeing committee and delivering student resilience and wellbeing services.
- Supporting the social and emotional wellbeing of students.
- Developing relationships with, and referring students to specialist services within the school or externally, under the supervision of the school principal.
- Attending Parents & Citizens' or equivalent parent body meetings as required to provide details of the program and the services that are available.

- Facilitating community partnership programs between the school and the wider community, under the supervision of the school principal.

Minimum qualification requirements

The minimum qualification is a Certificate IV in a relevant discipline for example, Youth Work, Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care, or an equivalent qualification. The qualification must include competencies in 'mental health' and 'making appropriate referrals'.

Required Skills:

- Committed Christian faith (with reference from your Minister/Pastor);
- Empathy and experience in relating well with young people as well as other stakeholders;
- Excellent verbal & written communication skills;
- Capacity to lead and to delegate responsibility;
- Self-motivated and ability to work autonomously;
- Good reporting and process management skills;
- Accountability to meet set targets & agreed KPIs.

Highly Desirable:

- Previous management experience of staff and/or volunteers;
- Background in youth-related not-for-profit Christian mission;
- Current unrestricted driver licence.

APPLY FOR THIS JOB

Send a resume with a separate letter addressing the Required Skills using examples from your work, volunteering, training and education demonstrating how you meet the required criteria. Also cover any Highly Desirable expertise relevant to the position. In your application you must also comment on how your goals align with Young Life Australia's values <http://younglife.org.au/vision-values/>. Two references need to be provided with names & contact details including one from your Minister/Pastor.

Remuneration package will be discussed at interview.

Send your email to brendan@younglife.org.au. Contact Brendan Hatte on 0431 294 501 for more details.

NOTE: You must obtain and continue to hold a valid NSW Working with Children Check and National Police Check and you will be required to make a statement that you are not prohibited from working in child-related employment. It is your duty to advise Young Life Australia of any pre-existing medical or psychological condition and/or personal situation, which could impact on your ability to carry out the employment for which you are applying.

Applications close: Friday 27th July 2018. Interviews will take place the following week.