



Chaplain Vacancy – Armidale Local Area

We have a chaplain position available for two days per week at local primary school in Armidale, required to start as soon as possible. The school chaplain role is part of the Federal Government's National School Chaplaincy programme initiative.

ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Newling Public School serves a diverse urban and rural community and reflects the strong values which their community upholds. The school actively fosters a "family" atmosphere in which all pupils share equally, where parents and the general community are welcome and encouraged to participate and where the experienced staff are professionally committed and supportive of one another.

ABOUT YOUNG LIFE AUSTRALIA

Young Life Australia is a non-denominational Christian charity that mentors and offers stable, caring role models to young people. Young Life aims to be a leading organisation for positively impacting children and youth, with a resultant positive transformation to the wider community.

ABOUT THE ROLE

Young Life seeks motivated chaplains who will have a holistic approach to working with young people in the school setting. The positions include offering support and guidance about ethics, values, and relationships to students and their families, teachers and staff. The chaplain would be supported by the Young Life staff and local volunteers.

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

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 and or high school aged young people.
- 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.

TO BE CONSIDERED

Please email your letter of application addressing the required/desired skills and include your resume.

Send your application to: chaplaincy@younglife.org.au with 'Armidale Chaplain' in the subject line.

Please additionally provide character references from **two** people, with one being from your Pastor/Minister.

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.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

Applications close **23 September 2020** at 5.00 pm.

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Claire Wood at Young Life Australia on 02 9877 5144 or chaplaincy@younglife.org.au.