



### **School Counsellor (multiple positions commencing Term 1, 2020)**

- Experience in the delivery of counselling & referral for students
- Multiple Full-time and Part-time positions for Male and Female Counsellors
- Sydney East, Inner West, Southern and South-West schools - from Term 1, 2020

CatholicCare Sydney is seeking additional Male and Female counsellors as we expand our School Counselling Program into more Catholic schools within the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

Commencing from Term 1 2020, and as new schools or vacancies arise, we are seeking Male and Female Counsellors who are:

- experienced in the delivery of counselling & referral for students
- skilled in developing structures for identification & intervention of students deemed "at risk"

Our Counsellors are based in one or more schools (Primary/Secondary) and support student well-being through, but not limited to, the following activities:

- providing daily approximately 5-6 person-centred therapeutic counselling services and referral for students, family members and advice to school staff
- providing related services to the school community including small groups for students and social-emotional education for parents and the staff
- providing relevant information to the students, staff and parents.
- supporting the school community during and after critical incidents
- liaising with other agencies and external services where appropriate.

CatholicCare School Counsellors receive:

- Regular clinical supervision
- Peer supervision opportunities
- Whole team meeting days
- Professional development relevant to the position
- Comprehensive orientation process, including opportunities to shadow experienced counsellors
- School holidays (with the exception of 3 days in Terms 1-3)
- Access to salary packaging (which may increase take home pay)
- Hourly pay rate of approx. \$35.56-\$40.39, plus superannuation

#### **Multiple Opportunities**

Multiple full-time and part-time positions are available for Male and Female school-based counsellors working in Catholic Schools in the Sydney area, including:

- *Eastern region (Botany to Woollahra)*

- Secondary – 5 days
- Primary – 5 days (covering 3 schools)
- Primary – 4 days maternity leave coverage to 2021 (covering 3 schools)
  
- *Inner West region (Glebe to Auburn)*
  - Secondary – 5 days
  - Primary – 4 days (covering 3 schools)
  
- *Southern region*
  - *Sutherland to Menai*
    - Primary – 3 days maternity leave coverage to 2021 (covering 2 schools)
    - Primary – 3 ½ days
  - *Liverpool to Bankstown*
    - Primary – 3 ½ days
    - Primary – 3 ½ days (covering 2 schools)
    - Primary – 4 days
    - Primary/Secondary – 4 days (covering 2 schools)
    - Secondary – 2 ½ days
    - Primary – 5 days (covering 2 schools)

Part-time positions require the employee to work on a minimum of three days and must include Thursday.

### About Us

[CatholicCare Sydney](#) is the official social services agency of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Sydney. We are a leading not-for-profit agency providing care and support to people in Sydney across a wide range of social services: children and families, relationships, ageing, disability, employment, mental health and youth programs.

### How to Apply

To apply for this role, please email [jobs@catholiccare.org](mailto:jobs@catholiccare.org) the following:

- a brief letter addressing the below selection criteria (we recommend that you provide examples that demonstrate the range, scale and complexity of your work experience by using each selection criteria as a separate heading) ; and
- a resume.

*Please specify region and primary/secondary preferences, and if applying for part-time positions confirmation that you will work 3 days including Thursday.*

(Applications that do not address all the selection criteria or provide a resume only may not be considered).

### Selection Criteria

- Ability to undertake the duties of the role in accordance with CatholicCare's [Mission, Vision and Values and its Code of Ethics and Conduct](#) in partnership with Sydney Catholic Schools

- Current registration with PsyBA (Psychology Board of Australia); Full membership of AASW (Australian Association of Social Workers) or clinical membership of PACFA (Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia).
- Demonstrated knowledge of current NSW Child Protection Legislation
- Experience and skills in providing counselling services addressing emotional and/or behavioural needs to children and adolescents, and their families, and to At-Risk students
- Demonstrated knowledge of child and adolescent development and mental health issues as they impact on students
- Well developed interpersonal and communications skills and a demonstrated ability to work collaboratively within a team environment and to engage with multiple stakeholders.
- Demonstrated experience in working with culturally and linguistically diverse clients.
- Experience in delivery of group work and presentations, including small group programs to students and the capacity to develop and deliver social and emotional education to staff and parents
- Ability to work independently, a willingness and capacity to take initiative and to manage a high volume counselling caseload.

For further information, contact Lyne Cunneen, Senior Manager, School Counselling Program on 9509 1137.

### **Closing Dates**

Applications close at First Bell on Wednesday 22 January 2020.

*CatholicCare reserves the rights to interview suitable applicants prior to the closing date.*

*CatholicCare requires the preferred applicant to undertake a National Criminal History Record Check prior to employment and will also require a Working with Children Check.*