



## School Counsellor – Multiple Positions and Locations

Counsellors required who are:

- Experienced in the delivery of counselling & referral for students
- Skilled in developing structures for identification & intervention with students deemed “at risk”
- Experienced with Brief Therapy and with a sound understanding of Trauma-Informed Practice delivery
- Able to work in Catholic Secondary and Primary Schools in partnership with Sydney Catholic Schools

### Multiple opportunities

Permanent – full-time and part-time

- Southern Region and Eastern Primary school counsellors (STAR Program)

Maximum duration – full-time and part-time (potential to become permanent by 2020)

- Maternity leave positions from September Primary and secondary
- Locum high school (1 month – August)
- Primary Locum (potential to become permanent)

CatholicCare Sydney is seeking additional counsellors as we expand our **School Counselling Program** into more schools within the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney to provide person-centred therapeutic counselling and/or group work around particular issues to school students and their families. In addition, to support school communities during and after a critical incident and to liaise with other agencies and services where appropriate.

Also operated by CatholicCare across all primary schools in the Eastern Region, and both Primary and Secondary schools in the Southern Region, is our STAR program (Students at Risk), an intensive program which improves outcomes for students considered to be at serious risk of their learning being disrupted by behavioural or social/emotional issues. Crucially, students are provided with therapeutic interventions and support that complement both their learning and home environments.

### About the role

The counsellors

- Reports to the Senior Manager, School Counselling Program
- Supports student wellbeing by providing
  - counselling services and referral to students, family members and advice to school staff as directed by the Manager or Principal
  - related services to the school community including small groups for students and social-emotional education for parents and the school

- relevant information to the students, staff and parents.
- May be based in one school or work across multiple locations

### About CatholicCare Sydney

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.

### 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
- Demonstrated knowledge of current Child Protection Legislation
- Current registration with PsyBA (Psychology Board of Australia); membership of AASW (Australian Association of Social Workers) or clinical membership of PACFA (Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia). Registration/membership criteria can be found at the following websites [www.psychologyboard.gov.au](http://www.psychologyboard.gov.au) and [www.aasw.asn.au](http://www.aasw.asn.au) and [www.pacfa.org.au](http://www.pacfa.org.au)
- 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
- 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
- Well developed interpersonal and communications skills and a willingness and capacity to take initiative.
- Ability to work independently and to manage a counselling caseload
- A valid Working with Children's Check clearance verification number
- Current NSW Driver's Licence and use of a comprehensively insured motor vehicle

### How to apply

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

- **A brief letter stating which position/s you are applying for**
- **A brief response to all 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.**

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

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

Applications close at 3.00pm on Friday 27 April 2018. Shortlisting for this position will commence immediately.

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

*CatholicCare is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourage applications from Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander people, people living with a disability and people from other culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.*