

November 2020

POSITION: TEACHER – Horizon School

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding a teaching position at our school.

Horizon School is in an exciting stage of growth. We are a state-integrated composite Christian school which provides a welcoming and vibrant environment to develop young people holistically and academically to equip them for both now and the future that awaits them.

A successful college teacher applicant will plan and teach collaboratively with other teachers also working with learners in Horizon School. A teacher with strengths in Maths or English to Year 13 could be offered management role as Leader of Numeracy or Literacy throughout the school.

At Horizon School, we are a community with teachers who are committed to learning how best to prepare our learners holistically for their futures rather than our pasts, are reflective practitioners who refine our practice to ensure greater engagement, relevancy, authenticity and personalisation. We love being part of an innovative school culture, and teachers who are not committed to professional and personal growth need not apply!

If you would like to join a fun and progressive team and can contribute to our special Christian character, complete the application form and tell us what about teaching and learning makes your heart sing and how you engage your learners to achieve and develop.

Below is the relevant application pack.

Please return your application by email to the school office. We look forward to receiving your application in the near future. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me via the school.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Pearson
Principal

APPLICATION FOR THE POSITION OF TEACHER

Purpose

The information on this application form is collected for the sole purpose of assisting Horizon School Board of Trustees to assess your suitability for the position applied for.

PERSONAL INTRODUCTION

Full Name:	
Email Address:	
Address:	
Mobile Telephone:	
Date of Birth:	
Gender:	
Place of Birth:	
Nationality:	
Marital Status:	
No. of Children:	
NZ Teacher Registration number:	
Expiry Date:	
Registration Status: Full, Provisional, Subject to Confirmation	
Any previous convictions or complaint against you concerning the safety of a student? Details if so	
MoE Payroll number (6 digits)	

PROFESSIONAL INTRODUCTION

Please use a method that is most convenient to you in answering the following questions and scenarios.

[Where the answer to any of the following questions duplicates material in your C.V. Please feel free to avoid duplication by making appropriate reference to your C.V.]

<p>My Philosophy of Education</p>	
<p>This is what makes my heart sing/what I love about teaching</p>	
<p>If I could design my next teaching/leadership role, using the skills and passions and next steps I have, it would look like this:</p>	
<p>Educational Background (names and dates of school, university, college of education etc.)</p>	
<p>Teaching and Other</p>	

<p>Qualifications (degrees/diplomas/examinations - include subjects/courses studied) Shortlisted applicants will be prepared to show originals prior to appointment decisions.</p>	
<p>Teaching and other Leadership Experience in Schools (include details of school, position(s) held, years of teaching experience)</p>	
<p>Employment other than Teaching (include employer and dates)</p>	
<p>Present Employment (include name of employer and dates)</p>	

SPECIAL CHARACTER INFORMATION

Horizon School is a state-integrated school with a Christian special character.

All schools have vision and values. Ours are explicitly based on Christian faith, hope and love, and inspired by Jesus. We love how an educational community shaped by Christian values, aspirations, spirituality and ethos helps us to be connected to ourselves, others, God, and the world. This holistic approach builds a strong foundation for wellbeing, which research shows is foundational for learning and success. Many of our families seek to live their lives shaped by similar values, and together are a dynamic and welcoming community to people with widely varying cultural, religious and socio-economic backgrounds.

According to a recent study on Faith and Belief in New Zealand, around 1/3 of NZers identify with Christianity. At Horizon, we believe that the spiritual nature of people is important for whole integrated lives, and we are inspired by the life and teachings of Jesus. We aim to inspire learners towards faith, while completely respecting that each individual has a choice.

Our students learn and participate in core matters of Christian faith and practice that include service to others, care for the world and one's self, and Christian practices of bible exploration and prayer.

We acknowledge that as humans we are on a constant search for truth. Faith is one dimension of this exploration that is often overlooked in state schools. Science is another valuable and respected dimension of discovering truth about ourselves and the world. Our school community has a diversity of thought on matters peripheral to our core faith. In these matters, students will be taught a range of views and encouraged to investigate further for themselves and/or to go home to speak with their parents.

We are strongly involved in the wider community and believe that our learning community provides a wonderful environment for children and young people to grow and become confident contributors with a sense of responsibility to care for our world.

While the school was primarily established to provide an education for those who 'have a particular or general connection to the Christian faith,' and families who have a connection to the Christian faith of the College will have preference of enrolment, we have a smaller number of discretionary places available for students outside of this criteria. Applicants need to demonstrate why they want such an education. Identifying as a Christian or having had involvement with a Christian preschool or church, or having grandparents with Christian faith are some examples of connections to the Christian Faith, but are not essential for enrolment.

Teachers at Horizon School will have a desire to inspire learners, parents and other staff towards a relationship with God, through Jesus, and be willing and able, with some support, to use biblical texts with children in a way that is relevant to life and culture today.

SPECIAL CHARACTER AND PERSONAL DETAIL

Please make a statement in support of your willingness and ability to uphold and enhance the Special Christian Character of the School. In that statement please include information on the following if applicable:

<p>Willingness and ability to uphold the special Christian character of Horizon School and to inspire learners, parents and other staff towards a relationship with God</p>	
<p>Ways in which my own Christian faith is expressed, including any church affiliations if applicable</p>	
<p>Any experience in using biblical texts with children or young people in a way that is relevant to life and culture today</p>	

<p>What I think would be effective in helping our students to engage with and 'own' our school mission (Loving Life, Living Faith, Looking Forward)?</p>	
<p>My preferred learning area(s) and why if you'd like to explain</p>	
<p>My preferred interest(s) and why if you'd like to explain</p>	
<p>My personality strengths (type if known, eg Myers Briggs, Strengthfinders, Enneagram)</p>	

<p>My preferred work time and why if you'd like to explain (fulltime/part time)</p>	
<p>My interests (or otherwise) in leadership development and why if you'd like to explain</p>	
<p>My desire (or otherwise) for management units and why if you'd like to explain</p>	
<p>Accommodation needed or otherwise</p>	
<p>Willingness for the school to seek information about your suitability for this position from sources other than those listed as references</p>	

Feel free to add any other thoughts to help us to get to know you.