

Position Description: Youth Wellbeing Officer



Position title:	Youth Wellbeing Officer
Employment status:	Part time (0.2 – 0.4FTE)
Award classification:	Educational Services (Schools) General Staff Award 2020
Reports to:	TNS Head of School

**This position is funded under the National Student Wellbeing Program (NSWP) from 2024-2027.*

Position purpose

To provide wellbeing services to students at The Nature School, while also working closely with staff and families in accordance with The Nature School's objectives and educational philosophy.

Key responsibilities

- Work with Assistant Head of School and School Counsellor to support students at risk through provision of wellbeing services
- Develop strategies and programs to support the school community
- Engage with young people and their families and refer to external support services if required
- Work with Assistant Head of School to strengthen student wellbeing outcomes across the school
- This position reports to the Head of School

The Nature School Objectives:

- (a) To provide high quality education and care guided by pedagogies including nature-based, place-based and inquiry-led.
- (b) To facilitate authentic learning experiences which engage children and their families.
Learning may be:
 - I. Intentionally designed and/or learner-led; or
 - II. Creative, hands on, experiential or play-based.
- (c) To lay the foundations for a socially cohesive and sustainable future.
- (d) To cultivate environments in which children flourish.
- (e) To promote a deeper, more regular connection with nature.
- (f) To minimize the organisation's environmental footprint through sustainable practices.
- (g) To embed Aboriginal culture, languages and perspectives by connecting with the local Aboriginal community.
- (h) To be a safe and inclusive community.
- (i) To build a network which supports The Nature School to achieve its vision.

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Essential criteria

1. Minimum qualification requirements:
 - a. Cert IV in Youth Work; or
 - b. Cert IV in Pastoral Care; or
 - c. Cert IV in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care; or
 - d. Equivalent qualification (which must include competencies in 'mental health' and 'making appropriate referrals')
2. Ability to respect, accept, and respond sensitively to other people's views, values and beliefs without proselytising
3. Experience in working with young people, preferably in a School setting, including students with complex needs
4. Demonstrated ability to work independently and collaboratively in a small team and build positive relationships with staff, students and parents
5. Willingness to undertake relevant professional learning
6. Current Working with Children Check (for paid employment)

Desirable criteria

1. Love of the outdoors
2. Ability to coordinate activities such as breakfast clubs, lunchtime activities
3. Ability to support School Counsellor in running relevant workshops for parents
4. A special skill or interest that will contribute to our School (eg, art, music, gardening, Indigenous knowledge, outdoor education, special environmental interest, etc)

Employee declaration

I confirm acceptance of the position responsibilities outlined above. I declare that I have adequate fitness levels for outdoor activities and no pre-existing conditions that may be exacerbated or hinder my physical ability to perform all aspects of this role. I commit to delivering the responsibilities of my role and upholding The Nature School's objectives.

Employee name

Signed **Date**