



## **Edmund Rice Special Education Services (ERSES)**

ERSES has two exciting and innovative Special Schools: St Edmund's College, Wahroonga and St Gabriel's School, Castle Hill for students with a sensory disability and/or a mild to moderate intellectual disability. Each school offers small classes, excellent facilities and provides individualised NSW Educational Standards Authority (NESA) curriculum. This position will appeal to people who are passionate about education, enjoy working collaboratively and who wish to be part of a caring, dynamic and innovative community.

### ***We are seeking applicants for a Speech Pathologist - (1 year maternity leave contract)***

The successful applicant will support the Catholic ethos of the Schools and demonstrate a commitment to the philosophy of Catholic Education in the Edmund Rice tradition.

We are seeking applicants for a full-time replacement Speech Pathologist position (1 year maternity leave contract) commencing Term 3 2019 and concluding end Term 3 2020.

The Speech Pathologist is responsible for the implementation of a best-practise whole school service delivery that will assist the St Edmund's and St Gabriel's communities to support the communication needs of students using an inclusive, tiered approach. The service delivery is based on the Response to Intervention model and roles and responsibilities include:

- Implementation of whole school communication assessments that are used to identify school priorities, evaluate effectiveness of the service delivery, track student progress (individually and collectively), and identify any students requiring additional support;
- Providing ongoing professional development to teaching staff to increase knowledge around the areas of communication, including expressive and receptive language, social skills and Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC);
- Developing, implementing and evaluating whole school communication programs that promote student communication competence alongside teaching staff and school executive;
- Providing support for classes or small groups of students to enhance skill development in specific areas of communication in collaboration with teaching staff;
- Where necessary, providing individual student communication support in collaboration with families, teachers, ERSES OT and other external professionals.

#### ***Essential Skills:***

- Relevant speech pathology degree with at least one year clinical experience;
- Current Speech Pathology Australia membership;
- Current Working With Children Check (WWCC) number;
- Clinical knowledge and experience that can be applied to above role description;
- Ability to work as part of a school-wide team of professionals and build positive relationships within the school communities;
- Ability to use initiative, including seeking relevant professional development opportunities and to make use of creative solutions to problems;
- Excellent organisation and communication skills.

#### ***Desirable Skills:***

- Experience in working with school-aged children with disabilities;
- Experience in working in schools or providing a whole-school service delivery;
- Experience in change management and/or developing and implementing initiatives or projects within a work place.

For further enquiries and a role description, please contact Claire Formby, Speech Pathologist. Written applications and a curriculum vitae, with three nominated referees, should be forwarded in writing or email by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to:

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