



Position Description

Position Title	Deputy Principal: Learning and Teaching
Organisation	Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited (CES Ltd)
School	St Liborius Primary School
Location	Eaglehawk
Enrolment	258 students in 2023
Enterprise Agreement	Catholic Education Multi-Enterprise Agreement 2022
Status	Fixed Term – 3 years (2024-2026) – Ongoing Teaching Position
FTE	1.0
Reports to	Principal

Our Organisation

Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited (CES Ltd) is committed to the mission of Catholic Education across the Diocese of Sandhurst. With a rich history dating back to 1853, the Diocese reaches from Central to Northeast Victoria. The organisation supports more than 3000 employees in 52 schools and 2 early childhood facilities. It also provides support to 4 secondary colleges owned and operated by Religious Institutes.

CES Ltd participates and cooperates in the work of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV), which has key responsibilities for the allocation and distribution of government funding, facilitating cooperation across the four Victorian Dioceses, and in working and cooperating with government statutory authorities.

The Executive Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst is appointed by the Board of CES Ltd to support the administrative, organisational, and service matters to Catholic schools within the Diocese.

The Executive Director and all delegations via that position operate within the parameters of Canon Law and the Catholic Church structures and processes. CES Ltd is the employing authority for its schools and acknowledges and respects the role of Parish Priests within the Parish communities in which schools are located and supported.

Our Vision

The vision for CES Ltd is to provide, in partnership with our families, stimulating, enriching, liberating, sacramental and nurturing learning environments in each of the Catholic school communities within the Diocese. At the heart of this vision is our commitment to the ongoing duty of care that we have for the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children and young people.

We believe:

- That the values of the Gospel are central to who we are, what we do, and how we act.
- That we have a vital role in the mission of the Catholic Church to imagine and seek new horizons while respecting our Tradition.
- That a strong sense of community is dependent on the quality of our collegial relationships.
- That each person's potential is fostered through the dedicated ministry of Catholic Education.
- In leadership encompassing vision, innovation, and empowerment.

Our Values

CES Ltd Values underpin and reflect the behaviours we expect of our staff:

Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

The identity of the Sandhurst Catholic School reflects the principles of Catholic social teaching, grounded in the person of Jesus, and interpreted and enacted for the "common good" in response to the "signs of the times".

These principles require that the dignity and potential of each person be fully respected within a climate that is conducive to peace, security, and development. This must find expression in the relationships, structures, curricula, planning, processes, and care in the everyday life of the school.

Respect

Respect for the dignity and potential of each person within a climate that is conducive to peace, security, and development. This must find expression in the relationships, structures, curricula, planning, processes, and care in the everyday life of the school.

Partnerships

The Sandhurst Catholic Schools do not function in isolation. In attending to the religious dimension of education, the most fundamental partnerships are those with parents/guardians and with local Catholic faith communities. The school is part of the wider Church community.

Faith

The tasks of evangelisation, catechesis and religious education are shared by home, school and parish, with each having its own distinct contribution to make in a sense of genuine partnership.

School Summary

St Liborius Catholic Primary School services the educational needs of families within Eaglehawk and surrounding areas. The Sisters of Mercy founded the school in 1904 after providing Sunday School to the local children from the 1870's and in 1920 the Sisters of St. Joseph became responsible for the school until 1978. Today the school led is by a lay principal and continues to maintain the strong commitment to the values and ideals of both these religious orders.

St Liborius School is committed to implementing innovative and contemporary learning programs to ensure students are well-equipped to become effective learners, able to work co-operatively with others and to live effectively in a changing world.

The school community believes the pedagogical theory of the Walker Learning Approach provides a developmentally appropriate approach to the individuals learning within our school community.

The school understands the importance of providing students with a supportive learning environment that has up to date resources and facilities. St Liborius strives to inspire a sense of hope in each student by being a positive and caring place where children are happy, secure and engaged in their learning. The school seeks to develop positive relationships within the school to ensure that students are safe, happy and balanced in the social context of their schooling.

Parents are supported to become active participants in their child's learning and school life.

St Liborius has undertaken an extensive building program, and all facilities provide modern, engaging and practical environments which reflect the alignment between St Liborius' whole school personalised learning pedagogy and the learning climate.

Position Summary

The Deputy Principal will support the Principal in providing both strategic and operational leadership of the School. The Deputy Principal assumes the role of Acting Principal in the absence of the Principal. The Deputy Principal will exercise direct responsibility in specifically designated areas, including Learning and Teaching, Organisation Management and Policy Development.

The Deputy Principal will report directly to the Principal and be a collaborative leader on:

- Leadership Team
- Learning and Teaching Team
- School Advisory Council

Key Responsibilities

<p>Commitment to Catholic Education</p>	<p>The Deputy Principal works closely with the Principal to achieve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a demonstrated understanding of the ethos of a Catholic school and its Mission • a demonstrated understanding of the Church’s teachings and the Catholic teacher’s role in the mission of the Church • a demonstrated capacity to instil in students a respect for each other in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. <p>Key Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend all Sacramental and School Masses and Celebrations.
<p>Leading A Well Community</p>	<p>The Deputy Principal works closely with the Principal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop and communicate a clear vision for a well school environment • facilitate the building of respectful and responsive relationships • enhance parent engagement • implement strategies to enhance student wellbeing • support teachers in the development of positive classroom culture • mentor and coach to build staff capacity. <p>Key Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively builds a well learning community. • Support others to build capacity and collaborative teamwork. • Draws on best practice to embed a culture of inclusion and high expectations for all.
<p>Leading Learning and Teaching</p>	<p>The Deputy Principal will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understand and adhere to state and national course requirements including the standards of professional practice – Australian Standards of Teaching – and the CECV. • create a student-centred school through a Catholic lens • apply professional contemporary knowledge • create a learning culture • place the student at the centre of strategic planning • maximise learning outcomes for all students • set high expectations for all students • create and supports structure and processes to enable exemplary teaching • keep up to date with research and best practice in Learning and Teaching.

	<p>Key Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply knowledge and understanding of current research in Learning and Teaching and are prepared to extend knowledge of our whole school pedagogy. • Sets high expectations for every learner, including students, staff and self. • Seeks feedback from students and teachers to inform Learning & Teaching directions. • Supports purposeful Learning & Teaching that draws upon current research and contemporary learning needs in the design of programs. • Is responsive to data on student learning outcomes, staff climate, parental engagement and the Catholic Identity of the school.
<p>Organisational Management of the School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • translate the strategic direction of the school into organisational plans to deliver the outcomes of the school’s vision • embed operational decision-making processes on aspects of school organisation and management setting in place clear and appropriate structures, reporting lines and delegated authorities • review and monitor whole-school policies to ensure alignment and compliance with the school’s strategic direction and statutory requirements • manage issues regarding Child Protection • lead, manage and implement special projects as defined and required by the Principal. <p>Key Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily organisation (Staff Communication), calendars and meeting schedules. • Managing CRT Replacements. • Assist with enrolment processes and class placements. • Assist with school review and VRQA processes including Child Safety requirements. • Timetabling. • Professional Learning Community planning and implementation. • Overseeing the Learning and Teaching Team and Learning Leader Team. • Monitoring Teaching and Learning documentation.
<p>Pastoral Care and Child Safety</p>	<p>The Deputy Principal will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide students with a child-safe environment. • Be familiar with and comply with the school child-safe policy and code of conduct, and any other policies or procedures relating to child safety. • Proactively monitor and support student wellbeing. • Exercise pastoral care in a manner which reflects school values. • Implement strategies which promote a healthy and positive

	<p>learning environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend school liturgical celebrations and community events
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Carry out all other duties that are within the limits of the skill, ability, competence, and training of the employee, and are aligned with the requirements of the role as may be directed from time to time.

Mandatory Responsibilities and Requirements

Compliance with CES Ltd Policies and Procedures

- All CES Ltd policies and procedures are available in either CompliSpace and/or the Staff Portal. It is expected that all employees of CES Ltd must ensure that they comply with policies, procedures and standard ways of work practices when carrying out their work. Any breaches in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

Compliance with Occupational Health and Safety

- All CES Ltd employees have a responsibility to take reasonable care of their own health and safety along with the safety of others. It is expected that all employees comply with policies, safe work procedures, instructions, and rules of CES Ltd’s OH&S Management System.
- All employees must report any hazards or any other health, safety, or wellbeing issues to their team leader/principal. There is also an expectation that employees will actively eliminate hazards, follow instructions, and participate in training and consultation processes.
- All employees who have a responsibility to supervise/lead others have additional responsibilities including ensuring that employees have clearly defined safety roles and responsibilities, addressing OH&S issues immediately, being aware of tasks being undertaken by employees and ensuring that they have the skills required to perform tasks safely, ensuring training is provided to address any knowledge or skills gaps for performing work safely, ensuring clear policies and procedures are implemented as well as holding regular OH&S meetings with employees and managing non-compliance.
- Depending on the role, some employees will be required to provide evidence of successful completion of First Aid Certificate inclusive of Anaphylaxis training prior to commencing employment with CES Ltd.

Compliance with Child Safety Legislation

- CES Ltd is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe school environment in which all students feel safe and are safe. They do this by promoting the safety, wellbeing, and inclusion of all children. All CES Ltd employees have a responsibility to comply with current Child Safety legislation. This includes keeping up to date with relevant mandatory reporting requirements and maintaining a valid working with children check or VIT registration. CES Ltd are committed

to ensuring the safety of children in our care, as such, rigorous reference and background checks are conducted at the pre-employment stage. All staff are also expected to comply with the Child Safety Code of Conduct as amended or varied from time to time.

- This position requires the individual to complete the Disabilities Standards for Education - professional learning course and Protecting Children - Mandatory Reporting and other Obligations (PROTECT) online learning annually.

Key Selection Criteria

Essential	Qualifications and Registrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain current Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) registration. • Comply with the CECV Accreditation Policy to hold Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School and Accreditation to Lead in a Catholic School.
	Knowledge and Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous experience of leadership in Catholic Education. • The ability to provide leadership that is characterised by a desire for continuous improvement, lateral thinking, and innovation.
	Commitment to Catholic Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live out the guiding beliefs and values of the Catholic Church. • Actively work towards enhancing the Catholic ethos and mission of St. Liborius School. • Demonstrate a commitment to instil in students a respect for each other in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ. • Demonstrate a commitment to personal witness as a member of a faith community.
	Commitment to Child Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a demonstrated understanding of child safety. • Have a demonstrated understanding of appropriate behaviours when engaging with children. • Be familiar with legal obligations relating to child safety (e.g., mandatory reporting). • Be a suitable person to engage in child-connected work
	Skills and Attributes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proven capacity to work independently and effectively in the face of changing priorities, deadlines and pressures.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-developed interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to liaise and communicate effectively with others. • The ability to work effectively as a team member. • Proficiency in the use of information and communication technologies. • A commitment to ongoing Professional Learning.
Desirable		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Graduate studies and experience in Leadership and/or Teaching and Learning. • An understanding of the Walker Learning Approach. • Understanding the best practice in supporting the whole child.