



POSITION: Teacher

REPORTS TO: Head of Campus

LOCATED: Multi Campus setting

- Melbourne CBD
- Prahran
- South Melbourne
- Sunshine
- Werribee

DATE UPDATED: May 2024

ORGANISATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Hester Hornbrook Academy is a Special Assistance School which provides flexible education and learning options, including VETiS (Vocational Education and Training in Schools), VPC (Victorian Pathways Certificate), VM (VCE Vocational Major), VCE and an *extend* program offering a variety of elective subjects. Recognising that mainstream education is not suitable for all young people, our programs are driven by the personal pursuits of students. Our HOPE – Healing Orientated Program of Education informs our Practice model which ensures the integration of academic intervention and growth with wellbeing and life skills. Teachers, Youth Workers, and Education Support Officers (ESOs) work together in a collaborative manner to support students to reach their individual goals. Our students include those who have disengaged from mainstream education, are young parents, currently in or leaving out of home care, experiencing homelessness and those who may be experiencing mental health challenges or learning difficulties.

JOB CONTEXT

Each Hester Hornbrook classroom is supported by a multidisciplinary team comprised of a teacher, educational support staff and youth worker. The classroom team collaborates to provide a safe, respectful, and productive learning environment, where learning for wellbeing and wellbeing for learning go hand in hand. The team works in partnership with the students to understand and address the barriers to learning, to set and achieve academic pathways and other life goals. All staff bring different and overlapping skills and experience to the classroom and are required to role model effective teamwork in order to provide a holistic response to the students' educational needs.

All roles within Hester Hornbrook will have a classroom allotment: This includes classroom instruction, the delivery of learning activities, the supervision of students, assertive outreach, and involvement in other programs which support students to attain educational success.

JOB PURPOSE

The Classroom Teacher will work as part of a multidisciplinary team, they will be responsible for organising and implementing an instructional program in accordance with the VCAA applied learning curriculum, our *extend* elective program and our HOPE (Healing Orientated Program of Education). The teacher is expected to collaboratively share leadership of the classroom with the other members of the team, including decision



making authority.

A primary focus of our teachers at Hester Hornbrook is on the planning, preparation, and teaching of programs to achieve specific student outcomes, along with participation in the development of Hester Hornbrook policies and programs and the implementation of Hester Hornbrook Strategic priorities.

All Hester Hornbrook teachers are expected to teach a range of students with varying academic abilities and are accountable for the effective delivery of their programs and consistently implementing the Healing Orientated program of education. This will include contributing to, and in some cases leading, innovative curriculum development and demonstrating a range of best practice approaches within our setting. Our teachers will use student data to inform teaching approaches which will enable differentiated individualised teaching and learning to improving student educational outcomes.

JOB OBJECTIVES

Duties of this role may include but are not limited to the following:

- Work as part of a multidisciplinary classroom team to develop and maintain a face to face and virtual classroom learning environment which places high expectation on learning for wellbeing and wellbeing for learning. The Teacher will support and model a learning environment which is safe, respectful and productive.
- Create & deliver an engaging applied learning curriculum at either VPC, or VCE VM, while applying an understanding of our HOPE (Healing Orientated Program of Education) to support students in a way that allows them to Engage, Equip, Empower and Extend.
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- Contribute to the planning and participate in the extra -curricular activities, events, excursions and overnight camps.
- Maintaining accurate records using the school's Student Management system and learning management systems including regular wellbeing case noting and prepare/ contribute to reports (including NCCD) as required.
- Participate in regular supervision, whole school and campus meetings, the performance review processes, professional learning and a culture of continuous review, improvement of student learning outcomes and achievement of the Hester Hornbrook Strategic Plan (SP) and Annual Implementation Plans (AIP).
- Ensure that all Child Safe, risk management and Hester Hornbrook documentation is adhered to.
- Perform other duties and responsibilities, as directed by Executive Leadership Team of Hester Hornbrook.

KEY RELATIONSHIPS

This position may have relationships with a diverse range of Hester Hornbrook and MCM employees, external service providers, organisations, and stakeholders within the community, with the view to providing the most



appropriate and effective services and supports to the people they support. Examples of key relationships are detailed in the following table:

Internal Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employees from the Hester Hornbrook team (e.g., Youth Workers, Teachers & ESOs)• Hester Hornbrook Academy CAPE Team – Careers, Alumni, Pathways and Employment• Hester Hornbrook Academy students and community
External Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education Partners• Relevant community services providers• Student's communities.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Applications to include a **Cover Letter** which highlights experience and relevance of working in a special assistance school, supporting young people to engage in learning, leading to positive outcomes. Also include a **current CV with referees**.

The following key selection criteria must be addressed in the application in order to be short listed for this position:

1. Proven ability to work collaboratively as part of a multidisciplinary team to provide educational interventions for young people to enable them to develop learning for wellbeing and achieve educational success.
2. Experience working with young people, young people who identify as LGBTQI+ young people and young people from diverse cultural backgrounds in a trauma informed setting, who have existing barriers to education.
3. An understanding of trauma-informed practice, restorative justice principles and the necessary skills to engage young people with multiple and complex needs.
4. Demonstrated capacity to work flexibly, in an outreach capacity and with the ability to manage competing demands as is the case in a Secondary School setting.
5. Understanding of relevant legislation, including Child Safe Standards as they are relevant to a Senior Secondary School setting.

Essential requirements of all candidates:

Bachelor of Education or related discipline and a current Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) registration (provisional or full).

Desirable:

- Current Training and Assessment (TAE) qualifications for teaching of VETiS programs is highly desirable.

ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND COMMITMENTS



Workplace Health & Safety:

Hester Hornbrook/MCM's strategy is to create a working environment in which we have zero tolerance for compromised worker safety. As an employer we endeavour to provide a working environment that is safe for all employees and clients and adheres to Occupational Health & Safety regulations as an employer.

As an employee, you also have Occupational Health & Safety responsibilities as follows:

- To comply with all Hester Hornbrook/MCM policies related to Occupational Health and Safety in the workplace.
- Take reasonable care of your own health and safety in addition to the health and safety of your colleagues and clients who may be affected by your acts or omissions in the workplace.

COMPLIANCE

As an employee, you are expected to comply with the following:

- Comply with and actively support all position, division and organisational policies and procedures.
- Satisfactory completion of safety screening VIT Registration, National Police check, International Police check (if required), and the right to work in Australia.

OUR VALUES

Employees are expected to commit to and demonstrate HHA/MCM's values:

TOGETHER	We are inclusive and accepting of difference.
	We work in highly effective teams and our people are connected across our organisation.
	We engage proactively with others to deliver outcomes.
COURAGEOUS	We speak up constructively in line with our convictions.
	We pursue our goals with determination.
	We are passionate about our advocacy role.
CURIOUS	We are inquisitive and ask why.
	We challenge the status quo.
	We actively explore the alternatives.
OPEN	We are transparent and have genuine, honest interactions.
	We listen and hear people's voices.
	We value and respect the autonomy of clients.
	We trust one another.
ACCOUNTABLE	We act safely in all our interactions.
	We manage within our financial and resource boundaries.
	We own our outcomes and decisions.
	We are proud of the work that we do.

