



DUTY STATEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF YOUTH MINISTER

The position of Youth Minister is integral to the work of the Pastoral Services Department within the College. There is room for variation in the duties of the position according to the strengths and gifts of the successful applicant.

Pastoral Services at St Aloysius', under the direction of Mr Chris Gould, is committed to building up the faith community of the College by providing opportunities for those it serves to respond to the call of Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Services is primarily involved in a number of areas:

- i) Retreats and Days of Reflection
- ii) Chaplaincy
- iii) Community Service Programmes.
- iv) The College tutor system
- v) Counseling services
- vi) The liturgical life of the school.

Depending on their particular strengths and gifts, the Youth Minister, as a full-time worker in Pastoral Services, will assist in these various areas of ministry.

RETREATS AND DAYS OF REFLECTION:

Retreats are held for the various Year Levels in the senior school. The Kairos retreat will be offered a number of times during the year: it is a four-day live-in programme that is offered to our Senior students and which is undertaken outside the school term.

The Youth Minister would be a participant in all the Retreats, Days of Reflection and Kairos retreats. Some experience in youth retreats, group work and peer ministry would be valuable skills for this area of ministry.

CHAPLAINS:

Each Year Level has a chaplain who is available to students in their spiritual formation. The chaplains offer another presence in the pastoral care structures of the College. There is opportunity for the chaplains to assist the Year Level Coordinator, work with the Student Counsellor and be a resource person in the area of spirituality.

The Youth Minister would be a chaplain for a particular Year Level, as well as being a resource person for the chaplaincy programme as a whole. The ability to relate well to teenagers and particularly to be able to talk to them on a one-to-one level about faith and spirituality are essential to the role of the Youth Minister.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

In addition to a compulsory faith in service programme run as part of the Year 10-11 Religious education programme, the College is involved in various voluntary service programmes. There is a Vincent De Paul youth conference based in the school, as well as a Benenson Society human rights groups. There are a number of charities which the boys are involved with.

The Youth Minister may be asked to develop the voluntary community service programme across the various Year levels. An ability to articulate the integration of faith and justice, as well as accompanying students in their exploration of need in answering the call to be “men for others”, is an important dimension to the role of Youth Minister.

LITURGY:

The College has a vibrant liturgical life. There are whole College Masses a number of times a term, and regular student Masses that regularly attract large numbers of students.

The Youth Minister assists in the planning and running of many of the liturgies and functions as a resource person in this area. A familiarity with Catholic worship and music skills would be advantages for the Youth Minister.

The Youth Minister has a space and opportunity at St Aloysius’ that can directly impact on the faith life of the school. The successful applicant may be either someone young and relatively inexperienced who brings enthusiasm and their talents to the ministry, or on the other hand, someone with a little more experience and qualifications who still brings that enthusiasm to the work. An ability to relate well with teenagers is an absolute requirement of the job – this is a hands-on ministry to the young – one calling for creativity, commitment and celebration in following the Lord in today’s world.

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