



Role Description Secondary School Chaplain

At Carey, our vision is to see the world transformed by the love of God. The church is at the heart of our campus spiritually and physically. Its mission is to be and make disciples who love and serve and by doing so to foster flourishing communities of hope. We do that in the midst of a thriving campus, where each day thousands of people come to engage in the Colleges (primary and high), Jump Early Development Services and Timber Cafe. And we do it with a fresh passion for what is coming.

The Gospel is the foundation from which we serve in an environment that respects the diversity of our community. As such, we believe that we 'earn the right to speak' by operating in an environment that values kindness, courage, respect, humility and integrity.

- **Kindness:** a concern for others which compels us to act for their good
- **Courage:** the willingness to act well in the face of uncertainty and fear
- **Respect:** sensing and honouring the God-given worth in another
- **Humility:** embracing a clear perspective for one's place with God and others
- **Integrity:** being honest and consistently living out our moral principles

Our mission is to see lives flourish as people experience God's love, have opportunities to say yes to Jesus and engage in practical opportunities to demonstrate God's compassion for the world.

Secondary Chaplain

The role of the Chaplain is varied and is shaped both by operational needs and the gifts and interests of those involved. In the past, this has included:

- Supporting the College Pastoral Care Team;
- Supporting wellbeing programs alongside student leaders;
- Pastorally supporting students and staff dealing with challenges;
- Encouraging student engagement and wellbeing initiatives;
- Supporting Bible study and prayer groups;
- Connecting with the families of students;
- Supporting staff and students on camps and excursions;
- Engagement with staff at staff meetings and school events;
- Discipleship of staff who are growing in their faith; and
- If qualified, a teaching component.

Key Requirements

- Wisdom and the experience of knowing God in all of life's experiences.
- Empathy and a heart for students to build relationships and help students make positive connections.
- Being available at times when students/parents need to speak with someone.
- Being available to lead lunchtime meetings & activities to build relationships and take every opportunity to talk about God.

- Initiative to develop/promote programs and activities that students can be involved in to help with their confidence, socialisation opportunities & skills, and to see beyond themselves to the needs of others.
- A willingness to engage with and support the youth ministry of Carey Baptist Church, particularly the Friday evening youth group that runs during school terms.

Other Desirable skills

- Qualifications associated with Pastoral Care or Christian Ministry

Accountability

- To the Senior Pastor and/or the Youth & Young Adults Pastor at Carey Baptist Church to discuss opportunities, activities, programs, challenges etc.
- To the Assistant Principal Pastoral Care in the College - meeting once per week to discuss student meetings, current issues, programs, calendar events coming up, etc.

Tenure

- We would anticipate the role will initially be 0.8 FTE.
- Commencement date January 2024.

Selection Criteria:

Applicants applying for this position will:

1. Have an active Christian faith;
2. Experience in pastoral care or ministry in a Secondary School and/or Church;
3. A qualification in Chaplaincy, Ministry, Youth work or similar is desirable;
4. A willingness to work closely with the Youth team at Carey Baptist Church is essential;
5. Worship as part of the congregation at Carey Baptist Church, Harrisdale would be ideal but not essential.

Timeline

- The Application process will stay open until the role has been filled.
- Suitable applicants will be invited to engage in a selection process upon application.

Application Requirements

1. A written response demonstrating capacity in each of the Selection Criteria, including a statement explaining your spiritual journey (1 page).
2. A current Pastor's Reference.
3. Your current CV with contact details for two referees.

Potential Applicants are welcome to phone Peter Scott (Senior Pastor) or Brenden Gifford (Secondary Principal) for a further understanding and description of the role and working relationships. Please send expressions of interest and queries to info@careychurch.asn.au addressed to Peter Scott.