



KINROSS WOLAROI
— SCHOOL —

Learning Support Teacher

Term Four 2021 contract

Candidate Information Pack

Closing Date: 10 August 2021

July 2021



About Kinross Wolaroi School

Kinross Wolaroi School is a co-educational Independent School of the Uniting Church. The School has a strong history of excellent academic results along with a diverse co-curricular program. Kinross Wolaroi School is a non-selective school with over 1100 students (including 330 boarders in Years 7 to 12), located in the NSW central tablelands in the city of Orange. The School has a proud tradition of educating young people in an environment where ideals are based solidly on friendship, spirituality, the security of family values, hard work and the pursuit of excellence to the very best of one's ability. The School offers the unique opportunity for co-educational learning with separate boarding sites for boys and girls. Students are provided with a holistic education with a varied curriculum to meet the diverse needs of our students.

The School has two main campuses. The main campus, called Wolaroi, is a picturesque campus of 20 hectares and accommodates the main teaching facilities as well as the boarding facilities for boys boarding. A second campus, called PLC, is located approximately five kilometres west of the main campus (on the opposite side of the city of Orange) and houses the girls' boarding facilities, a number of staff residences, a recreation and examination centre, an outdoor swimming pool and playing fields.

All classroom activities (the normal school day activities) for all students enrolled in the Early Childhood Centre and in classes from Kindergarten to Year 12 occur on the Wolaroi Campus. The main campus also includes a performance theatre, an auditorium, a sports complex including gymnasium and indoor swimming facilities, a medical centre as well as five playing fields.

Support for the culture and ethos of an Independent Uniting Church School is an essential prerequisite.

For more information on the organisation, please visit www.kws.nsw.edu.au. Among other information, on the home page can be found a helpful 'pictorial tour' and also a video, 'Every story has a beginning', which provides a good insight into the School.



POSITION OBJECTIVES & RESPONSIBILITIES

The Learning Support Teacher assists the Learning Support Department to identify, resource and implement appropriate academic and co-curricular adjustments and classroom strategies to meet the learning needs of students. The primary goal of the Learning Support Teacher is to ensure that students with a disability are academically engaged and have the opportunity to enjoy all aspects of schooling life.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Duties related to the position include, but are not limited to the following:

Key Word	Duties
Teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake a full time load including up to 0.6 teaching load (where a full time teaching load is 45 periods out of 60 periods per cycle) and additional employment fraction to be dedicated to Learning Support and administration.• Facilitate effective learning opportunities for students of the Learning Support program.• Assess students on their understanding of the content and skills which are specified in the NSW curriculum.• Work collaboratively within the Student Academic Support Faculty; including resourcing, programming and assessment development
Student support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist in the conducting of routine assessments to identify students with learning needs• Work 1:1 with targeted students• Work with small groups of students• Conduct regular visits to classrooms to support staff and assist individual students• Assist students with literacy and numeracy needs• Assist students with study and organisational needs



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Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist in the administrative functions of the Department, including updating the School database, tracking student data, creating student files and the like• Assist in the administration of Disability Provisions during Examination periods as a Reader/Writer
Co-curricular	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undertake an average of 5.5 hours per week to contribute to the co-curricular program (Homework Club).
Other duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend to other matters appropriate to the position, consistent with the skills of the incumbent as directed by the Head of Department, Head of Teaching and Learning and Deputy Principal.

Professional Review

This position description as outlined above is intended as a framework for professional review. The School reserves the right to alter roles and responsibilities requirements as required.

Reporting

In all matters concerning their employment, all employees are ultimately responsible to the Principal. However, in relation to this role, for practical purposes these functions are delegated to the Deputy Principal. For day-to-day operational matters the position will be *responsive* to the directions of the Head of Teaching and Learning and Head of Department (the Supervisor).



SELECTION CRITERIA

General Expectations for staff at KWS:

- Support for the culture of an Independent Uniting Church School is an essential prerequisite for all employees.
- Serve as good ambassadors of the School. This includes conducting oneself in accordance with the professional standards of the School, including being well-groomed and professionally attired.
- Take an active interest in the general life of the School – supporting policies, procedures, aims and objectives to facilitate the day-to-day operation of, and promote a high quality of education within, the School.
- Attend staff meetings and training when required.
- Ensure all students and parents are provided with a quality service in a timely, efficient, and friendly manner.
- Maintain professional confidentiality concerning information about staff and/or students and their families.
- Act as a member of a team, developing and supporting the philosophy and ethos of the team.
- Ensure that all documents are prepared and presented in accordance with the School's *Style Guide*.

Personal Qualities

- Willingness to support the Mission and Values of KWS.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills with the ability to develop and maintain constructive working relationships at all levels across diverse groups, including teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Demonstrated strong customer relations skills, user focus and genuine desire to assist.
- Ability to remain calm under pressure.
- Demonstrate a high degree of discretion, initiative, and personal organisation.

Essential Professional Criteria

- Relevant Education qualifications
- Experience applying the NSW Curriculum
- Experience in a Learning Support role
- The ability to communicate effectively with supervisors, students and external customer groups
- Have a commitment to a harassment-free workplace and support of colleagues



Essential Professional Criteria (continued)

- Be organised regarding day-to-day routine and detail
- Be punctual and reliable in relation to duty days and times

Working with Children Clearance

The *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* (NSW) applies for anyone working in child related employment. It is expected that a verified Working Children's Check Clearance will be provided before commencement of duty for any role at the School and that the employee will ensure this clearance is maintained and updated as required whilst ever employed at KWS.

Workplace Health & Safety

- Be informed of and comply with WHS legislative and associated requirements (as employer makes information available, employee is to take steps to understand how it applies to self).
- Observe Kinross Wolaroi School WHS Protocol.
- Identify WHS information and training needs for self.
- Be involved in WHS projects according to priorities set by consultative processes and management direction.
- Comply with WHS initiatives as directed and agreed with management and consultative processes.
- Comply with safe work procedures as instructed by supervisor or manager.
- Comply with legal and reasonable instructions from employer representatives.
- Report all hazards, accidents and incidents to your supervisor and comply with WHS committee recommendations.



APPOINTMENT CONDITIONS

This position is a maximum term, full-time role commencing 05 October 2021 and ceasing 10 December 2021. Employment will be offered subject to a period of probation, defined as six months in accordance with the *Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)*.

The terms of employment are governed by the *Independent Schools NSW/ACT Standards Model (Teachers) Multi-Enterprise Agreement 2017 (MEA)* as it applies from time to time, or any industrial instrument that replaces the MEA.

Comprehensive terms and conditions of appointment will be the subject of a separate employment agreement.

Right to Work in Australia

Kinross Wolaroi School is not in a position to sponsor entry into Australia. In applying for an Australian based position you will be expected to already have a valid Australian work permit (permanent residency or applicable work visa). Information on Australian visas and working entitlements are available from the Department of Immigration.



APPLICATION

To make a confidential enquiry about the position, please contact Madeleine Thomas, Human Resources Advisor on 02 6392 0484 or mkthomas@kws.nsw.edu.au.

Before submitting your application please ensure that you have:

- Carefully reviewed the position description and ensure that you understand the role you are applying for and that it is suited to your skills, experience and qualifications.
- Your cover letter is the School's first opportunity to assess your suitability for the position. Your letter should provide insight into not only what you have achieved but also who you are.
- Please ensure that you have addressed the Essential Criteria in your cover letter.
- Ensure that your CV clearly outlines your qualifications (including the institution and the date completed), career history and current contact details.
- You will need to include at least two referees at the end of your CV. Please provide referees names and current positions. Referees will not be contacted without your prior agreement.

Your cover letter and CV can be submitted to mkthomas@kws.nsw.edu.au or addressed to

Ms Madeleine Thomas
Human Resources Advisor
Kinross Wolaroi School
Locked Bag 4
ORANGE NSW 2800

Preferred applicants will be screened in accordance with Child Protection legislation.

The Recruitment Process

Below is some information on how the recruitment process works at Kinross Wolaroi School and expected timeframes:

- All applicants will receive an acknowledgment of receipt within two working days. If you have not received an acknowledgement, you should contact the School to confirm receipt.
- The initial shortlisting process will be completed within two weeks of the closing date.
- First round interviews are scheduled for shortlisted candidates either face-to-face, via telephone or via skype within two weeks of the closing date.
- Referee checking of the preferred candidates happens in the week following the round of interviews. Referees will not be contacted without prior permission.