



Teaching Positions at Playford College

Thank you for your interest in teaching at Playford College. Our school is in its second year, has 241 students from Reception to Year 8 and has been registered for years Reception to year 9.

Playford College is open to everyone but has a focus on the Shia Muslim community. Playford College seeks to be a lighthouse school – we use and teach the Australian Curriculum and over time we expect our educational and academic standard to be exemplary.

Our school had humble origins, being situated on the old Elizabeth Special School site on Durrington Road in Elizabeth, which closed down a few years ago when DECD relocated the staff and special needs students to a new facility at Munno Para. It reopened last year with an extremely limited budget but has quickly grown to 241 students in the recent Census.

We are double streaming in Reception, while every other year level is a mix of single and composite classes.

Against this further projection of growth, we have the need to employ additional staff. Staff are expected to be open to concepts such as team teaching, understand and apply differentiation, think and talk passionately about education and be prepared to work hard.

The vast majority of our students come from non-English speaking background, with Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Iraq being the main homeland background for our students' families. Most of our children were born in Australia but have had little or no access to English outside of their school environment. We started 2017 with 79 students from 26 different schools around Adelaide, interstate and even overseas. Visitors, friends of the school and colleagues are struck by the warm and friendly feel of Playford College – it has quickly developed into a community.

Resource wise, we have 12 classrooms equipped with short throw projectors and Interactive Whiteboards. Currently, we have a diverse mixture of machines making up the computer suite, to which we can add around 30 laptops that the senior class and staff access. There are 150 iPad 2 devices available for teaching and learning. Our library is modest but has around 5,000 titles. We are already using Jolly Phonics and Multi-lit. Our class average is just over 20 in size.

The philosophy at Playford College is one where staff can expect to move around in year levels and will not be bound to just one level. All staff are on contract during the first 2-3 years of the School's existence, while we go about ensuring the longevity and success of the School.

At this stage we are advertising for staff and seek to fill a mixture of Junior Primary, Primary and lower secondary positions.

These positions will be contract for the 2019 school year; extension to tenure will be determined by College growth, and the applicant's capacity to deliver on expectations.

In 2017 and 2018 staff received their non-contact time when the College's religious staff took their classes for the Illumination program (religious studies) and Arabic for reading the Quran as well as HPE. Part-time teachers will be given first opportunities to deliver any TRT required.

Playford College may also need teachers who can teach Arabic, as a LOTE and for the purpose of reading the Quran, as well as qualified teachers who are capable of teaching the Illumination Program – our religious education program.

The staff at Playford College, including the Principal, come from culturally diverse backgrounds, including the College's Shia community. As the school grows we expect to see a balance between non-Muslim and Shia community staff – but always with the same objective of providing the best education we can. As a registered independent school, Playford College will always strive to ensure that it complies with all legislation relating to education, employment and safety.

If you would like any additional information, please email Acting Principal, Mr. Chris Riemann on chris.riemann@playfordcollege.sa.edu.au.

Once again, thank you for your interest.

Chris Riemann, Principal, on behalf of the School Board, staff, students and families of Playford College.