Youth Worker

**Time Fraction:** 0.4 (2 days per week)

**Location:** ELTHAM College (Research & City Campus)

**Responsible to:** Executive

**Position summary and objectives:**
The youth worker is a member of a multi disciplinary team working across the middle and senior school under the leadership of College Executive. ELTHAM College is a school committed to wellbeing and has developed a culture that works well with change, is collaborative and is based on good relationships. ELTHAM is a schooling leader and provides for individual ownership by its professional staff members of their role within a broad network of school and outside of school relationships.

Within this model framework the youth worker position primarily;

- aims to provide high quality support service to young people through provision of programs which enhance self esteem, reduce uptake of risk taking activities and enhance family cohesion as well as community connectedness. These programs would principally be delivered in small group settings in cooperation with teaching staff of the College.
- support and resource middle and senior years teachers with strategies and programs assisting and maintaining positive mental health among young people.
- provide initial counselling following referral from families, teaching staff or the young person themself.

**Relationships**
- to work closely with students, staff and parents with a focus particularly on middle and senior years students.
- to liaise with local and regional bodies and other organisations and service providers.

**Key competencies:**
- ability to relate effectively to students in the 10-18 year age bracket on an individual and group basis.
- good knowledge of youth issues and programs
- an ability to apply problem solving techniques
- excellent communication and negotiating skills
- ability to build rapport and engender confidence with adolescents and adults
- ability to work cooperatively in a team environment
- ability to liaise effectively with staff and other organisations
- experience in planning service provision and implementing group projects
- ability to work under pressure and advocate for others

**Qualifications and Experience:**
- A minimum qualification required- Certificate 4 in Youth Work
- experience in assisting young people as well as implementing group work
- previous experience in school or community setting desirable
- experience in working effectively in a team environment
**Inquiries**

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**Applications**

Applications containing a full curriculum vitae and the names of three references should be forwarded by Wednesday, 24 April to

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