



POSITION DESCRIPTION

Youth Support Worker - Casual

Role Title	Youth Support Worker - Casual
School Network	Xavier Flexi Schools Network Edmund Rice Education Australia – Youth+
School	Townsville Flexible learning Centre
Reports	Head of Campus
Band/Wage Scale	School Officer Level 4

BACKGROUND:

The Xavier Flexi Schools Network and Flexible Learning Centres are Catholic Schools in the Edmund Rice tradition. The Flexible Learning Centres (FLCs) offer a full-time and multiyear secondary education program for young people who have disengaged from mainstream schooling. Young people typically express a broad range of complex education and social needs and FLCs respond with a variety of flexible and innovative teaching and learning practices including vocational planning and the development of social connectedness.

The purpose of an Edmund Rice Education Australia Flexible Learning Centre is to provide young people with a varied and holistic set of learning experiences which enable them to identify and pursue an individual transition to adulthood, employment, further education and training and social connectedness.

PRIMARY ROLE:

Provide casual/relief support for the site. The role is focused towards community relation development and assistance with best model of practice at the Townsville Flexible Learning Centre.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITIES:

The Network Principal is responsible for the operation of all Flexible Learning Centres and Outreach programs. Employees are accountable to the Network Principal of the relevant Flexible Learning Centre within Edmund Rice Education Australia. This role as a casual/relief position will provide short term assistance for the worker who fulfils the substantive position.

- Monitor attendance patterns of young people, maintain records of program attendance.
- Identify barriers impacting attendance to young people and provide appropriate assistance to those students experiencing difficulties at school and at home.
- Engage with young people in a variety of situations and are able to communicate sensitively and effectively with diverse cultural groups.
- Work collaboratively to provide a safe, caring and conducive work environment for all members of the FLC community.
- Operate within the context of Edmund Rice Education Australia's Corporate Policies and Procedures, particularly in the area of Equal Employment Opportunity and Workplace Health and Safety.
- Involvement in other engagement activities may be negotiated with the Head of Campus as required.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Tertiary qualifications at Certificate level or equivalent qualifications relevant for a Youth Support Worker or such knowledge and experience to successfully carry out the duties of this position.
- An understanding of and commitment to principles of social justice.
- Sound level of verbal and written communication skills, including participating in meeting processes, report writing and negotiation skills.
- Understanding of current youth work practice, trends and issues in service provision to marginalised young people particularly within the alternate education sector.
- Skills in computing (especially word processing, Internet) and skills, or the ability to develop skills in database.
- Proven ability to work autonomously and in an integrated manner as a member of a multi-disciplinary team.
- Current and valid P Blue Card or the ability to obtain.
- Current Queensland Driver's Licence

All applications for this position will be subjected to screening procedures as detailed in the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian legislation.

These checks are consistent with Edmund Rice Education Australia's commitment to child protection policies and procedures.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Please visit www.ereafsn.edu.au and follow the Employment Opportunities tab to view the Position Description, Applicant Information and to apply.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received – please do not delay in applying.

To apply for this role please provide the following documents:

- *Responses to the above Key Selection Criteria in no more than 2 pages*
- *Cover letter*
- *Curriculum vitae outlining relevant work history including contact details of at least three referees including your current employer*

Submit applications to xaviernetwork@ereafsn.edu.au

Only those applicants successful in obtaining an interview will be contacted.