



POSITION INFORMATION

■ Cedar Care Student Counsellor

Cedar College is committed to helping each student discover their unique potential, deepen their relationship with God, and prepare for a life of purpose and service. Our goal is to guide students as they explore new ideas, develop critical thinking skills, and build a solid foundation for life. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, or through creative pursuits, we are here to support students on each step of their learning journey.

POSITION OVERVIEW

Date created:	07/11/2024	Commencing:	20/01/2025
Year level(s):	R-12 (non-teaching)	Type:	Permanent Part-Time
Position Title:	Cedar Care Student Counsellor	Hours of Work:	30 Hours (4 Days) 8.00 am to 4.00 pm
		Salary:	Commensurate with Qualifications & Experience

ABOUT THE ROLE

The Cedar Care Counsellor supports school leadership through the application of specialist professional knowledge and strategies to identify and address student needs, in order to promote student safety, and wellbeing, and to facilitate successful learning. As a qualified professional, they will work with school leaders, staff, families and external agencies to support the wellbeing of students and provide confidential counselling to students.

The Cedar Care Counsellor is to approach their role with a Christian Worldview, and undertake their role in line with the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the College as communicated by the College Pastor and College Leadership Team.

Applicants will need to demonstrate a sincere commitment to Jesus Christ and the philosophy of Christian Education. Applicants will also demonstrate an active involvement in their local church and align themselves with the College's core beliefs.

DETAILS SPECIFIC TO THIS POSITION

The successful applicant will work closely with the Cedar Care team and College Leadership. They will have a vibrant, growing relationship with God and be a committed member of their local church. They will be able to work effectively as part of a team in a collaborative and unified manner and have excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, and communication skills with staff, students and parents. They will be teachable and committed to the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the College. The ability to counsel in conjunction with a Christian Worldview is essential.



Along with the relevant qualifications to undertake counselling work, applicants are required to hold a current RRHAN-EC Certificate (Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care), current WWCC (Working with Children Check), and complete the Protective Practices online course (which can be completed upon commencement of employment).

ABOUT CEDAR CARE

At Cedar College, we take a holistic approach to the care of our students. Cedar Care exists to support students' wellbeing and mental health, ensuring they can excel and grow, not only academically, but as unique individuals who have a sense of self and purpose.

At Cedar College, our Christian faith and identity are of utmost importance and it is our Christian faith that shapes and drives our care for each student. As a team, we provide wellbeing support to students with the hope that they will:

Discover Jesus – source of hope and comfort

Display Love – practical strategies, following Jesus' lead, a school community supports and cares

Develop Self – resilience, character growth, the realisation we are valued by God

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Demonstrate a sincere commitment to Jesus Christ, the philosophy of Christian Education, and be actively involved in your local church.
- Be reliable and responsible in building trust within the Cedar community and acting with excellence and integrity.
- Demonstrate the ability to interact with students and colleagues in a positive, sensitive and respectful manner.
- Ability to model and develop positive relationships with students and foster their physical, spiritual, social and emotional development.

SOME KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Following policies and procedures that are legal requirements and best practices.
- Providing counselling to students as needed, addressing issues such as family dynamics, friendships and relationships, self-harm, anger management, abuse, substance use, sexuality, identity, and suicide prevention.
- The Timely and effective communication and collaboration with College staff, families, the Cedar Care Coordinator, College leadership, the Cedar Pastor and external services as appropriate
- Maintaining clear and accurate case notes and files on all counselling interventions, storing case notes securely to ensure confidentiality and in line with current 'best practice', being cognisant of Cedar's legal and moral duty of care.
- Providing advice to staff and parents on the development, psychological, and emotional needs of students
- Where appropriate, in consultation with the Cedar Care Coordinator, running programmes or small group activities to meet a specific need.



QUALIFICATIONS AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Qualifications:

Required

- Bachelor of Applied Social Science (Counselling) or equivalent
- Working with Children Check
- RRHAN-EC training (Responding to the Risk of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care training) prior to commencing employment at Cedar College.
- Protective Practices *prior to employment*

Desirable

- Masters in Psychotherapy or Counselling
- Membership of a professional body i.e. PACFA, ACA
- Current Provide First Aid Certificate (HLTAID011)
- Experience in an education setting.

Application Process: Applicants will need to request an application form, which can be obtained by calling (08) 8261 3377 or by emailing employment@cedarcollege.sa.edu.au). Once completed, please send your cover letter, resume, and application form to employment@cedarcollege.sa.edu.au.

Applications Close: 4 pm. Monday, November 18, 2024

A great team builds a great school

We believe that excellence in education begins with a great team of support staff.

We are looking for passionate, qualified personnel to join our vibrant school community. You will need to demonstrate a sincere commitment to Jesus Christ, the philosophy of Christian Education, and be actively involved in your local church.

An application form, obtainable by calling (08) 8261 3377, must be submitted in order to be considered for any advertised position.

Employment for all non-teaching positions requires applicants to hold a current Working with Children Check and complete the RRHAN-EC training (Responding to the Risk of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care training) and Protective Practices for Education training, before commencing employment.

About Cedar College

Cedar College is an R-12 co-educational Christian school situated in the suburb of Northgate, South Australia, 8km north-east of the Adelaide CBD. Encompassing both Primary School and High School, Cedar College caters for students from Reception (Foundation) through to Year 12.

Cedar College began in 1997 with just 34 students, specifically for the education of students in a distinctly Christian environment. The College is a ministry of CityReach Baptist Church and a member of Christian Schools Australia and the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia.

Today, Cedar College has almost 900 students, and continues to grow in both numbers and facilities. Notable recent facilities include a Creative Arts Centre, two-storey Resource Centre and Administration Block, and the Cedar College Sports Centre.

Our Name

The name "Cedar College" is derived from Psalm 92 v 12, which outlines the growth of a righteous person, pictured as a cedar tree, growing to become strong and vital, and leading a fruitful life.

Our Purpose

The purpose of Cedar College is to prepare students for real life as they discover Jesus, display love and develop self.

Our Vision

Discover Jesus – as the foundation for real life. Cedar College is a place where the gospel is communicated in all aspects of school life.

Display Love – through supportive community and genuine relationships. Cedar College is a place where we seek to follow Jesus' example of love, and where authentic Christian community is central to life.

Develop Self – through high standards in education. Cedar College is a place for individual progress toward each one's full potential.

One School, four Branches

Cedar College is composed of four 'branches', joined together and grounded in the same purpose: Junior Primary from Reception to Year 2, Upper Primary from Year 3 to Year 6, Middle School from Year 7 to Year 9, and Senior School from Year 10 to Year 12. These growing branches allow students to develop academically, spiritually, and socially, providing a College that offers a complete education from Reception through to Year 12.

