

High School Chaplain, Armidale

A part-time chaplaincy position has become available at Armidale High School in rural NSW through Young Life Australia. The role is 2 days a week and the contract period is up to three years. Some Young Life activities will also need to be undertaken.

Chaplain, Armidale High School, NSW – 2 days a week

Young Life Australia is a non-denominational Christian charity that mentors and offers stable and caring role models to teenagers and operates in over a dozen urban and rural communities around Australia.

Our focus is to build confidence, values and resilience in Australia's young people through significant relationships with adults who model the love of Jesus Christ. Young Life aims to be a leading organisation for positively impacting teenagers for Christ, with a resultant positive transformation of the wider community.

A chaplaincy position has become available at Armidale High School through Young Life Australia. The role is part of the National Schools Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program and will be funded until the end of 2014.

Young Life seeks a Chaplain who will have a holistic approach to working with youth. The position would include offering support to students, teaching and office staff, as well as encompassing a range of Young Life programs. The Chaplain would be accountable to the Young Life Armidale Area Manager and Area Committee.

The Chaplaincy is part of the broader Young Life model of ministry. The Chaplain would be encouraged to commit to Young Life volunteer leading outside of the chaplaincy position. This is a commitment of at least five hours a week given to planning meetings on Monday evenings and Young Life Club activities. Additional time may be required to prepare talks and help run small groups for interested teenagers. It also involves attendance at Northern Leaders Training Weekend (June long weekend) and The HSC Study Camp (One Week in September) or Extreme Summer Camp (One week in January from 2013).

There is also scope to expand the position to include paid internship or field staff roles or other chaplaincy positions should they become available.

To be successful in the role you will need to be confident in working with young people, have a strong Christian faith, a mature outlook, be suitably qualified, and agree with the aims and working principles of Young Life.

Training in Young Life Australia's 'Leadership Foundations' will be provided.

Applications close on 31st December 2011 at 5pm and interviews will be conducted from 6th-11th January 2012.

Only short listed candidates will be contacted. Desired start date is the beginning of Term 1 2012

REQUIRED QUALIFICATION & SKILLS

- Certificate IV in Youth Work or Pastoral Care or equivalent qualification
- Empathy and experience in relating well with teenagers
- Sound spoken and written communication skills
- Ability to lead others and delegate responsibility
- Sound organisational and time management expertise
- Capacity to run and co-ordinate events
- Ability to take responsibility and work autonomously
- Willingness to undertake regular Young Life volunteer leadership
- Committed Christian faith (with reference from your Christian minister / pastor)
- Current unrestricted driver's licence

HIGHLY DESIRABLE

- Additional training and/or experience in youth work, counselling, teaching, or theology (Diploma or higher)
- Experience in dealing with or counselling at-risk / disadvantaged teenagers
- Background in youth-related Not For Profit Christian mission
- Experience in conflict resolution

Apply now!

Email a letter of application addressing the required and desired skills and also attach a resume. You must be over 18, a permanent resident, and must pass a NSW 'working with children' as well as a national Police background check. Email your application to: office@younglife.org.au with 'Armidale Chaplain' in the subject line.

Character references from two people and at least one reference from a church minister are required. Remuneration package will be discussed at interview.

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