

INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS



HUMANITIES LEARNING AREA LEADER (POR 2) Commencing Term 3, 2025 to Term 3 2027

Thank you for your interest in the advertised position at St Columba College.

St Columba College is seeking to receive applications from suitably qualified Teachers for a POR 2 role as a Learning Area Leader in Humanities. The role is commencing in Term 3 2025.

Below you will find information to follow when submitting your application. Your application should include:

1. A covering letter of no more than two (2) pages outlining your suitability for the role. Please pay particular attention to highlighting your curriculum knowledge and pedagogical practices which support a quality and inclusive learning environment for all students.
2. Curriculum Vitae, of no more than three (3) pages, listing name and contact details of three professional referees. Please ensure that you include **your current employer**.
3. The completed **Application Declaration Form** (*found at the end of this document*).
4. Please direct any enquiries to Liane Anderson on **8254 0608** or via email at employment@stcolumba.sa.edu.au.
5. **Please submit your application via email in one (1) PDF format and in the following order:**
 - Applicant Declaration Form
 - Cover letter
 - Curriculum Vitae

Applications should be emailed to:
Mr Darren Pitt
Principal
employment@stcolumba.sa.edu.au

Applications close Monday 16 June 2025 at 5pm

Position Information Document

LEARNING AREA LEADER | HUMANITIES (6-12)



Term of Appointment:
21 July 2025 to 19 July 2027

Employment Type:
Fixed term, 2 years

Salary:
Teaching Step + POR 2 Allowance

POR 2 Allowance: Currently \$10,193 per annum | **Release:** 9 x 45-minute lessons per week

Conditions of Employment:

The Position Information Document for the Role of a Teacher at St Columba College underpins the role of the Learning Area Leader.

The Learning Area Leader is for a fixed term of 2 years. In addition to the applicable teacher salary it includes an annual Position of Responsibility (POR) allowance. At the conclusion of the POR 2 tenure the appointed staff member will return to a substantive teaching position and associated salary. Should a further POR tenure be available, it will be advertised and the appointed staff member may apply and be considered equally with other applicants.

Reports to:
Head of Curriculum and Learning R-12

Employment conditions are in accordance with the Catholic Schools Enterprise Agreement (as amended or replaced).

1. BROAD PURPOSE

The Learning Area Leader is responsible to the Principal, through the Head of Curriculum and Learning R-12, for providing leadership in the learning area in the following areas; curriculum planning and programming, pedagogy, teacher professional growth and coordinating the administration processes for the learning area.

The Learning Area Leader will lead contemporary pedagogical approaches designed to foster skills, capabilities and knowledge in our students, so that they become capable and lifelong learners.

The role of the Learning Area Leader has a particular focus to work alongside teachers to develop individual expertise, provide coaching and feedback using the ATSIL standards.

2. KEY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

Head of Curriculum and Learning R-12	Assistant Head of Curriculum and Learning (Secondary)
Deputy Principal	Students
Heads of School	Colleagues
	Parents and Caregivers

3. LEADERSHIP AT ST COLUMBA COLLEGE

- Model and empower staff to develop an environment which promotes the Anglican and Catholic ethos and provides for the social, emotional, physical, intellectual and spiritual growth of each student.
- Actively support the College Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan.
- Lead and support staff to build a culture of excellence and participation.

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- Develop Annual Plans with specific goals for improvement in line with the Strategic Plan.
- Provide leadership in prayer and liturgy and other religious celebrations.
- Undertake research and be aware of trends to ensure the College remains contemporary in the delivery of its learning and teaching programs.
- Implement decisions made by the Leadership Team in regard to College policies and procedures.

4. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Learning Area Specific Responsibilities

- Aim for high standards in teaching and learning to achieve high academic outcomes and improve overall student achievement in the Humanities Learning Area.
- Enhance literacy proficiency across all year levels including critical thinking, research skills and source analysis.
- Collaborate with Digital Learning Leader to effectively implement and refine Connect to be an effective learning management system for the Humanities Learning Area.
- Collaborate with the Assistant Head of Curriculum and Learning (10-12) to develop alternative Stage Two pathways through exploration of Humanities relevant subject opportunities.
- Enhance the participation overall academic achievement of students in Stage One and Stage Two Modern History.

Teaching and Learning

- Coordinate and support planning for the learning area using the Australian Curriculum and SACE across Years 6-12.
- Ensure a consistent and equitable high-quality learning experience for all students within a year level or subject area.
- Develop a unified approach to assessment and reporting within the learning area which aligns to the broader direction of the College.
- Collaboratively develop and refine high quality teaching and learning programs for each subject within the learning area.
- Model and support teachers to effectively use Connect for documenting planning, assessment and recording student achievement.
- Offer genuine and continuous opportunities for students to receive purposeful and timely feedback to improve the quality of their learning experiences.
- Play a role in tracking Academic Concerns in the Learning Area, to ensure that students are held accountable to deadlines and academic integrity procedures.
- Liaise with Diverse Learning and Academic Extension to ensure teaching and learning programs are challenging and achievable for all students.
- Contribute to the direction of teaching and learning at the College through attendance and participation in Curriculum and Learning Leadership Team Meetings.

Leading The Learning Area

- Lead and promote a shared understanding and implementation of the College's vision for teaching and learning within the Learning Area.
- Establish clear expectations for teaching and learning at the College and provide both support and accountability to ensure that teachers within the learning area adhere to these standards.
- Analyse student data to inform curriculum improvement and meeting the individual needs of students and groups in the College.
- Facilitate team meetings to effectively use data, moderate student work, refine resources and develop the best practice of teachers.

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- Play an active role in subject selection processes and counselling for students to ensure students are in subjects that are challenging and achievable.
- Develop Annual Plans with specific goals for improvement in line with the Strategic Plan with a specific focus on teaching and learning.
- Provide wellbeing support to teachers in the team by listening and responding to concerns, offering guidance and encouragement, and liaising with other members of the College when required.
- Serve as the contact person for parents and community inquiries, addressing concerns and providing information in a timely and professional manner.
- Promote and build a positive and collaborative team culture within the learning area team.
- Participate in the staffing of teachers within the learning area by serving on recruitment panels, helping to identify and select qualified candidates who align with the College's educational values and goals.
- Collaborate with the Head of Curriculum and Learning R-12 regarding the strengths, concerns and areas for development of the learning area and the teachers within it.

Development of Best Practice

- Lead and promote the development of best practice within the learning area with a specific focus on effective and innovative pedagogy and methodology.
- Support and encourage collective and individual development within the learning area by facilitating and supporting to professional learning opportunities.
- Liaise with the Director of Teacher Development to provide mentoring and support for all teachers to develop and refine their teaching practice.
- Induct and mentor new staff in an ongoing capacity to ensure they understand and meet the teaching and learning requirements of the College.
- Promote a professional learning community with the learning area which utilises the gifts and talents of individual teachers and provides opportunities to share best practice.
- Lead and oversee moderation of student work, to ensure that assessment is consistent between classes and teachers are making accurate and informed judgements.

Promotion and Collaboration

- Be an advocate of the learning area within the community and encourage student participation within the learning area and other extension activities.
- Promote and organise events relating to the learning area to provide additional opportunities for engagement outside of classroom experiences.
- Actively engage in college publications, assemblies and other events to promote specifics of the learning area, and teaching and learning more broadly.
- Liaise with networks, subject associations and other professional organisations to be informed of trends and best practices within the learning area.

Administration

- Complete administrative tasks for Connect as required to ensure teachers can use the system efficiently and effectively.
- Contribute to the facilitation and checking of reports at the College and ensure teachers are meeting College expectations and guidelines.
- Construct agenda and minutes for learning area meetings and distribute them in a timely and professional manner.
- Ensure scope and sequence, unit outlines and resources are continuously reviewed and updated to be compliant with SACE and ACARA standards.

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- Oversee the planning of excursions and events within the learning area and ensure they meet the organisational requirements of the college.
- Oversee and maintain the purchase of Learning Area resources for subjects taught within the learning area and effectively manage the learning area budget.
- Work with and support the WHS Compliance Manager to ensure staff are aware of WHS requirements for the learning area.
- Ensure that copyright regulations are followed by teachers within the learning area.

5. PERSONAL QUALITIES AND SKILLS

- Possess the commitment, knowledge, and skills necessary to foster Christian community and an ethos appropriate to an Anglican and Catholic College.
- Act in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct for Staff at St Columba College.
- Understand the College's requirements and act in accordance with all College policies, guidelines and procedures.
- Understand the Privacy Act in relation to staff, students and families at the College.
- Be a highly motivated educator who has a record of delivering successful student outcomes.
- Possess well-developed interpersonal and communication skills and proven ability to develop a strong positive rapport with staff.
- High level of confidentiality, trust, integrity and work ethic.
- Possess the ability to actively support, model and promote continuous learning and ongoing development of teaching staff.
- Proven administration and organisational capabilities.
- Possess a strengths-based approach and solutions focus.
- Energy, positivity and passion for building capability of teaching staff.

6. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- Relevant academic qualifications to enable registration as a Teacher in South Australia.
- Current South Australian Teachers Registration Board Certificate.
- Hold a current acceptable Working with Children Clearance to work in Catholic Education SA.
- Responding to Risks of Harm Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care (RRHAN-EC) mandatory training.
- Relevant First Aid qualifications.
- Actively participate in regular performance reviews and undertake applicable training as required to ensure opportunities are sought to increase knowledge, experience and skills held.

7. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

This role is deemed to be a *Worker* under the South Australian Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act 2012.

As a *Worker*, while at work you must:

- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety.
- Take reasonable care that your actions or omissions do not adversely affect the health and safety of other persons.
- Comply, in so far as you are reasonably able to, with any reasonable instruction given by the employer.
- Cooperate with any reasonable policy or procedure notified to workers by the employer that is related to health and safety at the workplace.

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This position information document (PID) indicates the general nature and level of work performed by the incumbent and is not a comprehensive listing of all responsibilities, tasks or outcomes.

The requirements of the role and associated responsibilities can vary in response to the needs of the College and above Key Responsibilities may be varied as determined by the Principal (or delegate).

Employment Declaration

To be considered for employment in any capacity, you must complete all parts of this Declaration, including by providing additional, supporting information and documentation where a "Yes" response has been recorded. You will not be considered for employment unless you complete the Declaration and provide comprehensive and complete information as necessary.

If you have any questions about the Declaration, please contact us on (08) 8254 0600.

Dr / Mr / Mrs / Ms / Other _____ **SURNAME:** _____

GIVEN NAMES: _____

FORMER NAMES: _____ *please ensure your FULL name is included*

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ (optional) **TELEPHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **P/Code:** _____

EMAIL: _____

Please tick the statement that best describes your working rights in Australia:

<input type="checkbox"/> Australian/NZ Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Australian Resident
<input type="checkbox"/> VISA with working rights (please provide a copy)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____

Teacher Registration No. (if applicable): _____

You must provide the **ORIGINAL** TRB issued teacher registration certificate (if applicable) and evidence of a valid, current DHS issued **Working With Children Check** for sighting at your work location.

POSITION FOR WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE: _____

Please respond to the questions below and sign the Declaration at the end of this form:

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| 1. Have you ever been investigated, charged, arrested, reported for or pleaded or found guilty of any criminal offence? (Tick 'No' where an expiation notice only was received) | Yes | No | |
| 2. Have you ever received a written counselling or warning or been dismissed or resigned following allegations of improper or unprofessional conduct or unsatisfactory work performance? | Yes | No | |
| 3. Are you currently the subject of an investigation or process being undertaken by your employer, a regulator/registrar or police? | Yes | No | |
| 4. (a) Have you ever been the subject of adverse findings in the course of an investigation or any other process relating to alleged unsatisfactory performance or misconduct by you as an employee? | Yes | No | |
| (b) If no to question 4 (a), did you resign during the course of a process/investigation and prior to any findings being made? | Yes | No | N/A |
| 5. (a) Have you ever been the subject of adverse findings relating to allegations of misconduct by you including of a sexual nature towards or in relation to a child (person under 18 years of age) or towards any other person to whom you were responsible for providing education or other services? | Yes | No | |
| (b) If no to question 5 (a), did you resign during the course of a process/investigation and prior to any findings being made? | Yes | No | N/A |
| 6. Our process includes asking referees whether there are any child protection concerns in your regard. Do you foresee any problem arising from this process? | Yes | No | |
| 7. (If applicable) Do you have conditions on your SA teacher registration? | Yes | No | N/A |

Please note: If you answer YES to any of the above questions, you are required to provide comprehensive supporting details, including relevant documentation in order to be considered for employment. (Please attach as separate sheets.)

If you choose not to answer one or more of the above questions, please indicate by ticking the box below that you wish to meet with the Principal (or delegate) to discuss.

I have opted not to answer one or more of the above questions and ask that a meeting be arranged with the **Principal** (or their delegates)

Please note: If you wish a meeting to be arranged you must submit your application at least one week prior to the closing date.

Further information and ongoing requirements

Evidence of a criminal history that may be unrelated to any risk of harm to children will not automatically preclude a person from being or remaining employed.

The requirement for full and honest disclosure is a condition of initial and ongoing engagement. In signing this form you declare that you are a fit and proper person of good character, and if you are successful in your application, you will notify the **Principal** should there be a relevant change in your circumstances; for example, criminal charges and convictions, restraining orders, intervention orders, injunctions, disciplinary proceedings and investigations.

If you are charged with, convicted of, or granted bail in relation to a sexual offence against a child you are required to inform the **Principal** immediately and if you are accused, convicted or granted bail you will need to immediately cease providing services to the College.

Declaration

I understand that any false or misleading information I provide will result in me not being considered for employment or may result in the termination of my employment. I declare that I have answered this Employment Declaration Form truthfully.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE:

Principal signature: _____ Date: _____