



St Leonard's College

# Chaplaincy and Youth Faith Formation

## Vision

This position is a reflection of the congregation's long-term commitment to support and grow our faith community by intentionally focused ministry with young people.

## Role

The person will be part of our ministry team with specific responsibility for providing pastoral care and faith formation for young people within the context of St Leonard's Uniting Church and through the provision of aspects of chaplaincy ministry at St Leonard's College.

## Details

Working with incumbent Ministers as an integral member of the ministry team, the person will be actively involved with young people and will take the leading role in coordinating the congregation's ministry with young adults.

The chaplaincy services at St Leonard's College will take about 2 days per week and be an expression of the Church's ministry within the College community. Currently this is expressed primarily in the Middle School (years 7, 8, 9).

This role involves working within the Basis of Union of the Uniting Church and has been designated as appropriate for the Ministry of Pastor by the Presbytery of Port Phillip East. It is expected that the Core competencies for the Ministry of Pastor will be met. Consideration of making the position a placement of the Uniting Church could be explored if appropriate.

## Desirable qualities

- Demonstrate a strong commitment to the Christian faith with a desire to share these beliefs with others in the spiritual formation of young people.
- A teaching qualification will be highly regarded.
- Initiative, reliability and flexibility will be expected.
- Strong organisational and administrative skills.
- The position requires strong relational skills and an ability:
  - To work with young people encouraging participation and leadership in worship.
  - To work independently within a collaborative team environment with strong accountability to the team.
  - To work within a school setting.

## It will be advantageous to have

- An awareness of the challenges of family life and issues involving young people in contemporary society.
- Skills in developing young people and an interest in, and strategies, for the spiritual formation of young people.
- Post-secondary theological education through a Uniting Church recognised institution and a demonstrated ability for theological reflection.



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## Youth Ministry details

The role at St Leonard's Church will involve:

- An intentionally focused ministry that provides faith formation for young people and pastoral care.
- Inspiring young people to make a difference in the world through social justice initiatives arising out of their Christian faith.
- Facilitating Christian networks amongst young people.
- Working with the Youth Ministry Facilitation Group in shaping and supporting, ministry to young adults.
- Appropriate strategies to manage young people including an awareness of safety issues.

## College Chaplaincy details

The duties at St Leonard's College include the following:

- encouraging students and staff in the exploration and understanding of their own faith and spirituality and the conducting of worship services;
- provision of pastoral care to the College community of staff, students, families and Old Collegians;
- providing counselling and support through stressful times;
- act as a resource person for staff in their own subject areas when issues of religion or faith occur;
- to work alongside teachers of the subject 'Head, Heart and Soul' in providing students in religious education;
- teaching a class(es) of students 'Head, Heart and Soul';
- support staff in their own pastoral dealings with students;
- be available to staff, students and parents for consultations, interviews and pastoral counselling;
- liaise with other professionals in the helping field in regard to student needs;
- opportunities to attend camps and other cocurricular activities where you can make a pastoral contribution.

## Position Status

This position is responsible to the Church Council of St Leonard's Uniting Church. It is a full time position with an expectation that the person will be involved in worship on Sunday. A day off in lieu may be taken during the week.

For background information please use the following links

- [St Leonard's Uniting Church](#)
- [St Leonard's College](#)
- [Ministry of Pastor](#)
- [UCA Basis of Union](#)