Title: Youth Minister

Responsible to: Religious Education Coordinator – Mission

Accountable to: Principal & Parish Priest

**Purpose of the Role:**

The core role of the Youth Minister is to assist in the animating of spirituality and faith formation of youth and promote attitudes based on Gospel values. The Youth Minister is to provide faith formation, wellbeing and leadership opportunities to youth within the Parish, school and throughout the broader community, as well as develop a strong sense of faith and wellbeing amongst youth, drawing them into, and allowing them to identify with, a nurturing and supportive faith community.

The Youth Minister will also support the REC: Mission in the development, implementation and growth of Youth Ministry and the CSYMI Four Phase Model of Student Formation within the school, thus maximising the evangelisation and formation of students. The Youth Minister will develop links between students undertaking such Youth Ministry and the Parish and provide pathways for such youth to connect into the Church.

**Key Areas of Accountability:**

**Religious Leadership**

* Collaborating with the Parish Priest in the area of Youth Ministry in the Parish
  + Supporting existing programs within the Parish and initiating new Parish youth ministry programs
  + In consultation with the Parish Priest, planning and conducting local Parish events (eg Youth group, prayer group)
  + Connecting with important Parish agencies (Parish Council etc)
  + Exploring the potential for youth ministry outreach within the Catholic Primary Schools
  + Collaborating with the REC:Mission in the area of Youth Ministry and evangelisation in the School
  + Giving personal witness to Catholic values in carrying out the duties associated with the role
  + Initiating, encouraging and participating in the students’ liturgical and prayer life at the school
  + Modelling pastoral approaches that illustrate Gospel values of courage, compassion and hope
  + Facilitating/co-facilitating junior and senior retreats and reflection days, camps and other faith-building experiences
  + Involvement in school led Parish Youth Masses
  + Initiating new faith opportunities in the school (prayer group etc)
  + Developing school Liturgies to be held in the school chapel throughout the school term
  + Assisting and supporting the REC:Mission and Parish Priest for full school Masses
  + Promoting and organising students to attend Parish and Diocesan youth ministry events (eg Rise, Rise Up).

**Educational Leadership**

* Working with the school in the implementation and delivery of the CSYMI Four Phase Model
* Interacting with students to provide a positive Catholic role model through class visits, prayer, class, camps, etc.

**Enabling Leadership**

* + Establishing effective communication links between the Parish and the school
  + Informing the school community of Parish activities
  + Supporting the REC:Mission in providing for the pastoral and wellbeing of the students that support the school’s Mission Statement in preparing our students for a changing world
  + Working with the school’s Youth Mission Team or similar
  + Supporting any other school fundraising or community service activities
  + Promotion of post school volunteering

**Other**

* Undertake other duties as directed from time to time.

The Employer reserves the right to vary this position description in response to its changing needs.

**Indicative Measures of Success**

* Positive Feedback from Students and Staff.
* Enthusiasm of Students involved in Youth Ministry
* Planning and conducting Successful Youth Ministry Experiences
* Quality of Work around the primary objective of implementing the CSYMI model into the School
* Connecting with Parish Agencies.