

# **Position Description**

Position Title VCE VM Leader

Organisation Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited (CES Ltd)

School Galen Catholic College

**Location** Wangaratta

Enterprise Agreement Catholic Education Multi-Enterprise Agreement 2022

Position of Leadership POL 2

Time Release 8 periods per cycle

**Status** Fixed Term – 3 years (2025 - 2027)

Reports to VCE Leader

## **Our Organisation**

Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited (CES Ltd) is committed to the mission of Catholic Education across the Diocese of Sandhurst. With a rich history dating back to 1853 the Diocese reaches from Central to Northeast Victoria. The organisation supports more than 3000 employees in 52 schools and 3 early childhood facilities. It also provides support to 4 secondary colleges owned and operated by Religious Institutes.

CES Ltd participates and cooperates in the work of the Victorian Catholic Education Authority (VCEA), which has key responsibilities for the allocation and distribution of government funding, facilitating cooperation across the four Victorian Dioceses, and in working and cooperating with government statutory authorities.

The Executive Director of Catholic Education Sandhurst is appointed by the Board of CES Ltd to support the administrative, organisational, and service matters to Catholic schools within the Diocese.

The Executive Director and all delegations via that position operate within the parameters of Canon Law and the Catholic Church structures and processes. CES Ltd is the employing authority for its schools and acknowledges and respects the role of Parish Priests within the Parish communities in which schools are located and supported.

## **Our Vision**

The vision for CES Ltd is to provide, in partnership with our families and parishes, stimulating, enriching, liberating, sacramental and nurturing learning environments drawn from the Catholic tradition in each of the diocesan school communities.

At the heart of this vision is our commitment to the ongoing duty of care that we have for the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children and young people, a pursuit of excellence in all levels of learning and creating communities of welcome, hospitality and inclusion.

#### We believe:

- that the values of the Gospel are central to who we are, what we do, and how we act
- that we have a vital role in the mission of the Catholic Church to imagine and seek new horizons while respecting our Tradition
- that a strong sense of community is dependent on the quality of our collegial relationships
- that each person's potential is fostered through the dedicated ministry of Catholic Education
- in leadership encompassing vision, innovation, and empowerment.

### **Our Values**

CES Ltd Values underpin and reflect the behaviours we expect of our staff:

#### **Principles of Catholic Social Teaching**

The identity of the Sandhurst Catholic School reflects the principles of Catholic social teaching, grounded in the person of Jesus, and interpreted and enacted for the "common good" in response to the "signs of the times".

These principles require that the dignity and potential of each person be fully respected within a climate that is conducive to peace, security, and development. This must find expression in the relationships, structures, curricula, planning, processes, and care in the everyday life of the school.

#### Respect

Respect for the dignity and potential of each person within a climate that is conducive to peace, security, and development. This must find expression in the relationships, structures, curricula, planning, processes, and care in the everyday life of the school.

#### **Partnerships**

The Sandhurst Catholic Schools do not function in isolation. In attending to the religious dimension of education, the most fundamental partnerships are those with parents/guardians and with local Catholic faith communities. The school is part of the wider Church community.

#### **Faith**

The tasks of evangelisation, catechesis and religious education are shared by home, school and parish, with each having its own distinct contribution to make in a sense of genuine partnership.

## **School Summary**

Established in 1974 Galen Catholic College was founded by the Marist Brothers and Brigidine Sisters. Today we continue to build a Catholic community based on the core values "the love of learning". Our secondary college offers the widest curriculum in Wangaratta with options including VCE, VET, and School Based Apprenticeships.

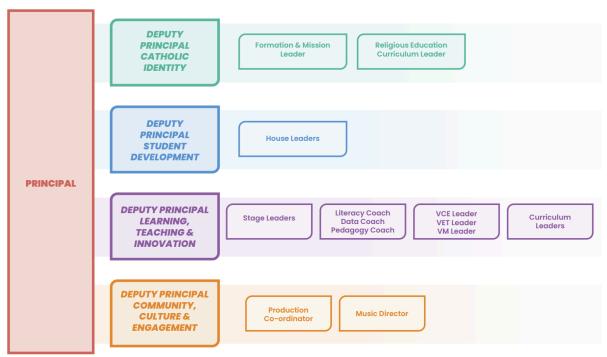
## **Position Summary**

Victorian Certificate of Education- Vocational Major (VCE VM) Learning Leader is an important position within the College and has a prime focus on improved learning and teaching across the VCE VM Learning Area. This includes providing leadership in policy development, curriculum content, teaching strategies, quality assurance, student attainment and resource management. The role involves collaborating with the VCE and VET Leaders, Careers and Further Education Coordinator and the Deputy Principal Teaching, Learning and Innovation to create effective programs and policies for students at the VCE/VM level. Additionally, the VCE/VM Leader oversees administrative tasks related to VCE and VM, such as enrollment, special provisions, and communication with relevant authorities.

## Position of Leadership Structure – 2025 - 2027



### POL ORG STRUCTURE 2025-2027



## Leadership Framework

This role will work within the CES Ltd Leadership Framework. The Framework sets out that Leadership in a Catholic School creates a vision for a community in which all may have life and have it in abundance (John 10:10) and where student flourishing is the core purpose. Leaders in Catholic schools are guided by religious, professional, ethical, and moral principles and pursue this vision in

service of the community. Servant leadership is at the core of all levels of leadership in the Catholic school. The leadership vision is student centred with a growth mindset that is guided by a belief in the dignity and potential of the human person.

Leadership in a Catholic school includes seven professional practices that are valued as critical elements in leading a Catholic school. They are as follows:

- Leading the Catholic School
- Leading a Well Community
- Leading Learning and Teaching
- Developing Self and Others
- Leading Improvement, Innovation and Change
- Leading the Management of the School
- Engaging and working with the Community

## **Key Responsibilities**

Leadership of VCE VM	<ul> <li>Fostering continuous improvement in pedagogy, assessment practices, and differentiation in the VCE Vocational Major curriculum.</li> <li>Leading a team of Vocational Major teachers, promoting collaboration, integrated curriculum and professional learning.</li> <li>Working closely with the Careers and Further Education Coordinator to provide advice to students, parents, and staff regarding VCE Vocational Major pathways to facilitate informed decision-making.</li> <li>Establishing and maintaining partnerships with TAFE, registered training organisations (RTOs), local industry/workplaces and represent the College in appropriate regional networks.</li> <li>Supervising and monitoring the progress of VCE Vocational Major students, ensuring early identification of those at risk.</li> <li>Supporting the professional growth and capacity building of teachers in the learning area, providing feedback to strengthen their development.</li> <li>Work with the Learning Diversity Team to support the diverse needs of students in the VCE VM.</li> <li>Leading the development, documentation, and implementation of the VCE Vocational Major curriculum, ensuring compliance with VCAA requirements and clear delivery of the applied learning model.</li> </ul>	
Strategic resource planning	<ul> <li>Manage, review and maintain relevant curriculum budgets, including resource requests for consumables.</li> <li>Investigate and propose capital purchases for contemporary learning across VCE VM.</li> </ul>	
Data	<ul> <li>Promote a culture of continuous improvement by ensuring all VCE-VM staff monitor, analyse and reflect on data sets.</li> <li>Collaborate with the Data Coach to understand data trends and identify areas of success and improvement.</li> <li>Promoting a culture of growth by celebrating and commending student learning growth and achievement within our community.</li> <li>Share relevant data trends and observations with the Pedagogy Leader, Literacy Leader, and Learning Diversity team and collaborate on creating appropriate interventions and supports.</li> </ul>	
Community, Communication and Partnerships	<ul> <li>Promote parent and carer engagement as a key aspect of raising the achievement of all students.</li> <li>Support an inclusive curriculum and school culture that promotes understanding of and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and languages and other culturally and linguistically diverse communities.</li> <li>Build partnerships with the local community and external stakeholders so they are aware of the vision and values of the school and can contribute to its success.</li> </ul>	

- Identify and implement strategies to meet the diverse needs of students and their families.
  - Promote and model the Catholic mission of the college.

Carry out all other duties that are within the limits of the skill, ability, competence, and training of the employee, and aligned with the requirements of the role as may be directed from time to time.

## **Mandatory Responsibilities and Requirements**

#### **Compliance with CES Ltd Policies and Procedures**

All CES Ltd policies and procedures are available in either CompliSpace and/or the Staff
Portal. It is expected that all employees of CES Ltd must ensure that they comply with
policies, procedures and standard ways of work practices when carrying out their work. Any
breaches in compliance may result in disciplinary action.

#### Compliance with Occupational Health and Safety

- All CES Ltd employees have a responsibility to take reasonable care of their own health and safety along with the safety of others. It is expected that all employees comply with policies, safe work procedures, instructions, and rules of CES Ltd's OH&S Management System.
- All employees must report any hazards or any other health, safety, or wellbeing issues to their team leader/principal. There is also an expectation that employees will actively eliminate hazards, follow instructions, and participate in training and consultation processes.
- All employees who have responsibility to supervise /lead others have additional responsibilities including ensuring that employees have clearly defined safety roles and responsibilities, addressing OH&S issues immediately, be aware of tasks being undertaken by employees and ensure that they have the skills required to perform tasks safely, ensuring training is provided to address any knowledge or skills gaps for performing work safely, ensuring clear policies and procedures are implemented as well as holding regular OH&S meetings with employees and managing non-compliance.
- Depending on the role some employees will be required to provide evidence of successful completion of First Aid Certificate inclusive of Anaphylaxis training prior to commencing employment with CES Ltd.

#### **Compliance with Child Safety Legislation**

• CES Ltd is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe school environment in which all students feel safe and are safe. They do this by promoting the safety, wellbeing, and inclusion of all children. All CES Ltd employees have a responsibility to comply with current Child Safety legislation. This includes keeping up to date with relevant mandatory reporting requirements and maintaining a valid working with children check or VIT registration. CES Ltd are

committed to ensuring the safety of children in our care, as such rigorous reference and background checks are conducted at the pre-employment stage. All staff are also expected to comply with the Child Safety Code of Conduct as amended or varied from time to time.

## **Key Selection Criteria**

Essential	Qualifications and Registrations	Current VIT registration
	Knowledge and Experience	Experience as a VCE VM Teacher
	Commitment to Catholic Education	<ul> <li>A commitment to lead the ethos of a Catholic school and its mission.</li> <li>A capacity to lead and instill in our community a respect for each other in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ.</li> <li>A capacity to integrate the Church's teachings into all aspects of curriculum.</li> <li>CECV Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School (or working towards).</li> </ul>
	Commitment to Child Safety	<ul> <li>A demonstrated understanding of child safety.</li> <li>A demonstrated understanding of appropriate behaviours when engaging with children.</li> <li>Provide students with a child-safe environment and proactively monitor and support student wellbeing.</li> <li>Familiarity with legal obligations relating to child safety (e.g. mandatory reporting) and comply with the College's child safe policy and code of conduct and any other policy, procedures or legislation related to child safety.</li> </ul>
	Skills and Attributes	<ul> <li>Excellent communication and interpersonal skills to engage and inspire stakeholders.</li> <li>Strong strategic thinking and ability to use agile thinking skills in change management process.</li> <li>Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and facilitate dynamic teamwork.</li> <li>Commitment to ongoing personal and professional growth.</li> </ul>
Desirable		<ul> <li>Previous experience and/or qualifications in educational leadership.</li> </ul>