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## POSITION DESCRIPTION: Casual Relief Teacher (CRT)

<b>Position title</b>	Casual Relief Teacher - Primary
<b>Type/Term/Hours/FTE</b>	Casual
<b>Classification/ Award/ Salary range</b>	Casual rate determined on experience/ NES Award
<b>Position reports to</b>	Coordinator
<b>Reports to this position</b>	N/A
<b>Date last approved</b>	August 2023

### POSITION SUMMARY

Our Casual Relief Teachers are part of a team that get to know our students and education team, with regular opportunities to provide staff cover. Our CRTs are flexible, enjoy a dynamic, multi-age and creative environment. Our CRTs contribute to a learning environment that prioritises community, respect, connection and belonging.

### THE LEARNING CO-OPERATIVE

**The Learning Co-operative** is a small, independent and progressive primary school situated on 17 acres of beautiful bush land close to the township of Hurstbridge, Victoria. Our team includes an experienced Coordinator, teachers and support staff to provide a holistic and individualised education. The number of students enrolled is purposefully limited to ensure each child and family is well known and connected.

The Co-op focuses on flexible, child centred, play based and outdoor learning experiences to support creative and critical thinking skills in our students. The perspectives, experiences and interests of children are centred in the way we provide learning opportunities. We value and prioritise community connection, respect, diversity, well-being and a strong sense of belonging that underpins the way we relate with children, colleagues and families.

The Learning Co-op is unique because of the important role parents and families have; we are a co-operative which means that we are co-led, co-managed and co-operated by the parents/carers that enrol their children and the team of teachers employed. Parents/carers attend the school with their children, serving as assistant teachers. We are not just a community of children, but in a real sense, on a day-to-day basis, a community of families, assembled together around the common goal of supporting

children in their development, learning and active participation in community. The Learning Co-operative was established in 1973, and is proudly one of the oldest progressive schools in Australia.

## **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Teaching**

- Deliver learning opportunities as requested by the Coordinator and Lead Teacher.
- Respond to students' interests, learning preferences and fluctuating capacity of children in our multi-age learning environment with students across all ages of the primary school years.
- Facilitate peer learning, activities, and experiences with students across all age groups Prep to Year 6 as required.
- Contribute to a learning environment that prioritises community, respect, connection and belonging.
- Embrace and encourage child-inspired learning and activities. Provide students with the opportunity to share their feedback about content delivery and learning tasks.
- Facilitate learning in a non-invasive and non-coercive manner, focusing on the process as well as the outcome.
- Support and model a non-authoritarian conflict resolution process that respects differences and empowers the children to develop solutions.
- Understand and prioritise the importance of play to the growth, development, and learning of children.
- Maintain the pedagogical practice and content knowledge of key learning areas required to meet the diverse needs of all students through engagement with continuing professional development.
- Understand the social, emotional, and academic development of each student and develop an Individual Learning Plan for the allocated student load.

### **Administration and planning**

- Provide updates and document learning as directed by the Coordinator/Lead Teacher.

### **Community**

- Share the facilitation of learning with parents and guide parents in their role as facilitators of learning when needed.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

### **Essential**

- A personal teaching approach that aligns with our alternative school and Co-op community environment.
- Demonstrated experience in supporting children's social and emotional wellbeing, transitions and conflict, particularly in the early years.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills that can navigate the complex relationships with

staff, parents/carers, parent management and children.

- Ability to deliver curriculum, activities, play-based learning and diverse learning needs in a multi-age environment.
- A flexible, creative and adaptive approach that can work with frequent transitions between structure and flow, both with children and in the needs of school day to day.
- Meet all mandatory requirements including registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching (or another State/Territory body in Australia) and a Bachelor's Degree or higher in Teaching

### **Desirable**

- Drivers licence highly desirable
- Early childhood/Primary school qualification.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Child safe environment**

The Learning Co-operative is a child safe environment. Children and young people's rights, relationships, identity, and culture must be recognised and respected, their voices heard, and their concerns acted upon. All school staff and volunteers are committed to protecting students from abuse or harm, in accordance with their legal obligations, including the child safe standards. The school's Child Safety Code of Conduct is available on our website.

### **Equal opportunity and inclusion**

The Learning Co-operative values diversity, inclusion, and is an equal opportunity workplace. We welcome applicants from diverse experiences, backgrounds and identities. This includes people with disabilities, culturally and linguistically diverse people, LGBTQIA+ and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.