



KINROSS WOLAROI
— SCHOOL —

Science Lab Assistant

Candidate Information Pack

Closing Date: 23 January 2022

January 2022



About Kinross Wolaroi School

Kinross Wolaroi School is a co-educational Independent School of the Uniting Church. The School has a strong history of excellent academic results along with a diverse co-curricular program. Kinross Wolaroi School is a non-selective school with over 1100 students (including 330 boarders in Years 7 to 12), located in the NSW central tablelands in the city of Orange. The School has a proud tradition of educating young people in an environment where ideals are based solidly on friendship, spirituality, the security of family values, hard work and the pursuit of excellence to the very best of one's ability. The School offers the unique opportunity for co-educational learning with separate boarding sites for boys and girls. Students are provided with a holistic education with a varied curriculum to meet the diverse needs of our students.

The School has two main campuses. The main campus, called Wolaroi, is a picturesque campus of 20 hectares and accommodates the main teaching facilities as well as the boarding facilities for boys boarding. A second campus, called PLC, is located approximately five kilometres west of the main campus (on the opposite side of the city of Orange) and houses the girls' boarding facilities, a number of staff residences, a recreation and examination centre, an outdoor swimming pool and playing fields.

All classroom activities (the normal school day activities) for all students enrolled in the Early Childhood Centre and in classes from Kindergarten to Year 12 occur on the Wolaroi Campus. The main campus also includes a performance theatre, an auditorium, a sports complex including gymnasium and indoor swimming facilities, a medical centre as well as five playing fields.

Further Information

For more information on the organisation, please visit www.kws.nsw.edu.au. Among other information, on the home page can be found a helpful 'pictorial tour' and also a video, 'Every story has a beginning', which provides a good insight into the School. There are also a number of videos showcasing the School at this link <https://vimeo.com/kinrosswolaroischool>



Position Objectives and Responsibilities

The role of the Science Laboratory Assistant is to provide support and advice to teaching staff in the area of routine chemical and equipment preparation for Science classes. The Laboratory Assistant ensures the efficient operation of the Science Department by monitoring supplies and equipment, oversight of stock management and repairing equipment.

The Laboratory Assistant contributes to the achievement of desired curriculum outcomes within a safe learning and working environment.

Duties related to the position include, but are not limited to the following:

Key Word	Duties
Classroom support	Chemicals and equipment are prepared for Science classes Oversight of the routine work of the laboratory Teaching aids are constructed as required Safety procedures are demonstrated and advised on as required
Laboratory organisation	Laboratory equipment and resources are prepared, stored and maintained in accordance with departmental policy and relevant legislation The collection or purchase of specimens eg. flowers for dissection Routine repairs are carried out and laboratories are maintained
Stock control	Stock management as required to ensure the continued supply of resources including items for consideration in the next year's Science budget
Other duties	Attend to other matters appropriate to the position, consistent with the skills of the incumbent as directed by the Head of Science and Business Manager

Professional Review

This position description as outlined above is intended as a framework for professional review. The School reserves the right to alter roles and responsibilities requirements as required.

Reporting

In all matters concerning their employment, all employees are ultimately *responsible* to the Principal. However in relation to this role, for practical purposes these functions are delegated to the Business Manager. For day-to-day operational matters the position will be *responsive* to the directions of the Head of Science (the Supervisor).



General Expectations for staff at KWS:

Support for the culture of an Independent Uniting Church School is an essential prerequisite for all employees of the School.

Serve as good ambassadors of the School. This includes conducting oneself in accordance with the professional standards of the School, including being well-groomed and wearing appropriate professional attire.

Take an active interest in the general life of the School - supporting policies, procedures, aims and objectives in order to facilitate the day-to-day operation of, and promote a high quality of education within, the School.

Participate in staff meetings and training when required.

Ensure all students and parents are provided with a quality service in a timely, efficient and friendly manner.

Maintain professional confidentiality concerning information about staff and/or students and their families.

Act as a member of a team, developing and supporting the philosophy and ethos of the team.

Ensure that all documents are prepared and presented in accordance with the School's Style Guide.

Working with Children Check

The *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012* (NSW) applies for anyone working in child related employment. It is expected that a verified Working Children's Check Clearance will be provided before commencement of duty for any role at the School and that the employee will ensure this clearance is maintained and updated as required whilst ever employed at KWS.

Covid-19 Vaccination

It is an expectation for employment at the School that all staff have either received 2 doses of a Covid -19 vaccine or been issued with a medical contraindication certificate. This expectation is in line with Public Health (COVID-19 Vaccination of Education and Care Workers) Order 2021.



Workplace Health & Safety

Be informed of WHS legislative and associated requirements (as employer makes information available, employee is to take steps to understand how it applies to self).

Observe Kinross Wolaroi School WHS Protocol.

Identify WHS information and training needs for self.

Be involved in WHS projects according to priorities set by consultative processes and management direction.

Comply with WHS initiatives as directed and agreed with management and consultative processes.

Comply with safe work procedures as instructed by supervisor or manager.

Comply with legal and reasonable instructions from employer representatives.

Report all hazards, accidents and incidents to your supervisor and comply with WHS committee recommendations.

Selection Criteria

Personal Qualities

Highly developed interpersonal skills with the ability to develop and maintain constructive working relationships at all levels across diverse groups, including teaching and non-teaching staff.

Cheerful disposition.

Ability to remain calm under pressure.

Willingness to support the mission and values of KWS.

Demonstrate a high degree of discretion, initiative and personal organisation.

Essential Criteria

A qualification in a science discipline and /or previous experience in a Science Laboratory

First Aid Certificate

Effective planning and organisation skills

Ability to work independently and as a team member

Ability to meet deadlines - capacity to work within time constraints

Familiarity with RiskAssess



Appointment Conditions

Employment will be offered on the basis of a full-time ongoing role working 38 hours per week throughout the School's academic terms.

Employment will be offered subject to a period of probation, defined as six months in accordance with the *Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)*.

The terms of employment are governed by the *Independent Schools NSW (Support and Operational Staff) Multi-Enterprise Agreement 2021 (MEA)* as it applies from time to time, or any industrial instrument that replaces the MEA. The position of Science Lab Assistant is classified at the School Assistant Level 3 of the MEA. In 2022 the annual salary for School Assistant Level 3 is \$73,179 for a full time fraction. Subsequently, the annual salary for this role at 0.83 FTE is \$60,739 plus Superannuation at the SGC rate.

Comprehensive terms and conditions of appointment will be the subject of a separate employment agreement.

Right to Work in Australia

Kinross Wolaroi School is not in a position to sponsor entry into Australia. In applying for an Australian based position you will be expected to already have a valid Australian work permit (permanent residency or applicable work visa). Information on Australian visas and working entitlements are available from the Department of Immigration.



Application

To make a confidential enquiry about the position, please contact Madeleine Bennett, Human Resources Advisor on 0455 774 383 or mkthomas@kws.nsw.edu.au

Before submitting your application please ensure that you have:

- Carefully reviewed the position description and ensure that you understand the role you are applying for and that it is suited to your skills, experience and qualifications.
- Your cover letter is the School's first opportunity to assess your suitability for the position. Your letter should provide insight into not only what you have achieved but also who you are.
- Please ensure that you have addressed the Essential Criteria in your Cover letter.
- Ensure that your CV clearly outlines your qualifications (including the institution and the date completed), career history and current contact details.
- You will need to include at least two referees at the end of your CV. Please provide referees names and current positions. Referees will not be contacted without your prior agreement.

Cover letter and CV can be submitted to mkthomas@kws.nsw.edu.au

or addressed to

Madeleine Bennett
Human Resources Advisor
Kinross Wolaroi School
Locked bag 4
Orange NSW 2800

Preferred applicants will be screened in accordance with Child Protection legislation.



The Recruitment Process

Below is some information on how the recruitment process works at Kinross Wolaroi School and expected timeframes:

- The position has been advertised using digital media.
 - All applicants will receive an acknowledgment of receipt within two working days. If you have not received an acknowledgement, you should contact the School to confirm receipt.
 - The initial shortlisting process will be completed within two weeks of the closing date.
 - First round interviews are scheduled for shortlisted candidates either face-to-face, via telephone or via skype within one month of the closing date.
 - Referee checking of the preferred candidates happens in the week following the second round of interviews. Referees will not be contacted without prior permission.
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