Hunter Valley Grammar School
(Founded 1990)

APPOINTMENT OF SCIENCE TEACHER

Hunter Valley Grammar School seeks to make an appointment to our Science Teaching Faculty to commence Term 3, 2016, initially for 12 months with the possibility of an extension to the contract at the conclusion of the 12 months.

The School

In its short history Hunter Valley Grammar School has come to be recognised as the premier school in the region and aims to be one of the most outstanding independent schools in NSW and across Australia. The School is situated at 42 Norfolk Street, Ashtonfield, in the wonderful Hunter Valley, regarded as Australia’s oldest and one of its most well-known wine regions. Add to this a wide array of traditional and contemporary delights expected of a world famous wine region, as well as a myriad of surprises, a rich diversity of pursuits and people and you will find the Hunter Valley one of the most vibrant and relaxing places to live.

Less than two hours drive from Sydney and 45 minutes from Newcastle Airport, the destination is easily accessible from anywhere around the world.

Hunter Valley Grammar School promotes the values for life education for each student which embraces their intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual development. The School encourages the pursuit of excellence in all areas, and develops in students a passion to become life long learners with the desire to grasp life’s opportunities. We do this within a learning community that lives its values and provides each student with a range of quality educational and developmental experiences.

The overall Preschool to Year 12 nature of our School has resulted in a warm, family-style atmosphere, and provides a smooth transition between infants, primary and high school.

Further information

Applicants are encouraged to visit the School Web-site at www.hvgs.nsw.edu.au and to consider thoughtfully the ethos and values of the School.

The Position

The Science Faculty is a core faculty area at Hunter Valley Grammar School responsible for the teaching of a broad range of courses across these areas: Science, Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Environmental Science, Physics and Senior Science. Expertise in Stage 6 Physics is desirable, with the ability to teach a second Stage 6 course being an advantage. Experience with Stage 4 and 5 Science is also required.

Duty statement

The successful applicant is responsible in the first instance to the Head of Science as the line manager.

The successful applicant will be required to:
- teach one or more senior classes in their area of expertise as well as junior classes
- contribute to the faculty goals
- promote the faculty by involvement in co-curricular activities
- work as an effective member of a team, demonstrating good interpersonal skills
- be proactive in providing an academically challenging, stimulating and safe environment where students are enthused about the study of Science

Criteria for Selection

The following criteria will be applied when determining the most suitable applicant.

- It is important that the successful applicant has the capacity to inspire young learners, is a team person and contributes to faculty performance with a demonstrated clarity of purpose, vision and commitment to learning.

- It is important that the successful applicant has had experience in teaching senior HSC courses in NSW Schools, or other appropriate systems, with noteworthy results.

- It is important that the successful applicant has had experience with Board of Studies requirements as they relate to syllabus demands, programme writing, examination requirements and coaching for HSC performance. Applicants from other systems are required to have had similar experience.

- It is desirable that the successful applicant is a member of one of the learned societies within the broad area of Science.

- It is important that the successful applicant values a partnership arrangement with families of the School in seeking the best outcome for each student.

- It is important that the successful applicant has an understanding of and commitment to the Australian Professional Standards for Teaching.

- Applicants should have strong IT skills especially in areas of Web based activities and be competent in the use of the Microsoft suite of applications. It is preferable that the successful applicant has experience with Moodle or a similar learning management system and is able to regularly use electronic resources in the classroom.

- Applicants must be accredited with NSW BOSTES (where applicable) and hold an appropriate tertiary qualification.

- Applicants should be prepared to make a significant contribution to the School’s co-curricular program and be totally supportive of the values and ethos of this Independent Grammar school for boys and girls from Pre-school to Year 12.

Salary and conditions

Salary is paid in keeping with the MEA for Hunter Valley Grammar School.

Teachers at HVGS are required to

- teach approximately 46 x 50 minute lessons in the 60 lesson (two week) cycle
- attend all assemblies
- attend parent/teacher nights, presentation ceremonies and other school functions as determined by the Principal, some of these are outside of normal hours
- attend our annual school camps; which generally occur during term time and require night’s away from home
• attend our Biennial 2-day staff conference which is held outside of Ashtonfield
• participate in the well-being programme of the School including taking a mentor group each morning and during well-being periods
• support colleagues by taking occasional relief lessons
• contribute to the co-curricular programme of the School
• have an active professional development plan and attend all required PD sessions & staff meetings
• be familiar with Moodle or similar learning management systems

Application

Suitable applicants should apply by submitting an application ON THE APPLICATION FORM. This form must be completed in FULL and all information requested must be provided. Applicants who do not use the application form will disqualify themselves from the process.

You may include other information that you feel will assist the process, however, only include information that is highly pertinent to this application and keep that material brief.

Applications will be received in digital form only and per email where a short introduction is expected and the application attached as a PDF. They are to be sent to Mrs Ana Stratton, strattona@hvgs.nsw.edu.au

Inquiries regarding the position may be directed to the Principal, Paul Teys by email to teysp@hvgs.nsw.edu.au or by contacting his Executive Assistant on 4931 0713.

Applications close at 3.30 PM on Monday 13 June - Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Paul Teys
Principal