Hunter Valley Grammar School
(Founded 1990)

APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR CLASSROOM MUSIC/ VOICE TEACHER

Hunter Valley Grammar School seeks to make a full time permanent appointment to our Music Department to commence Term 1, 2016.

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, East Maitland, 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 Music Faculty at Hunter Valley Grammar School has a reputation as one of the leading Music Schools in the Country. We are seeking a dynamic classroom Music teacher who will work primarily across Stages 2 and 3 with some work in the lower primary school as required. This full time role will also encompass responsibility for leading vocal studies in the School (leading the Choir program K-12 and teaching individual vocal lessons).
Duty statement

The successful applicant will be required to:

- teach classroom Music in the Junior School
- teach voice and choral programs
- be involved in co-curricular Music ensembles, performance and productions
- 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 Music

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 knowledge of the Board of Studies syllabus outcomes for Primary Years’ Music.

- It is desirable that the successful applicant has experience with the Primary Years’ Program (International Baccalaureate) or a good knowledge of the PYP

- The successful applicant will have proven skills as both a classroom Music teacher and a specialist vocal teacher.

- Professional experience as a performing vocalist is desirable.

- 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.

- The successful applicant will be responsible for the school’s co-curricular choir program and should have broad experience in choral direction with an understanding of appropriate programming for young voices.

- Piano/ Keyboard skills are desirable.
Knowledge and experience of external exam syllabi (AMEB, Trinity)

Salary and conditions

The salary for this position is negotiated with the successful applicant given the role is a combination of classroom and private music teaching, and ensemble work. In all other respects the conditions are in keeping with the MEA for Hunter Valley Grammar School.

Teachers in the primary school at HVGS are required to:

- teach approximately 69 x 30 minute lessons in the 90 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 nights away from home
- attend our Biennial 2-day staff conference which is held outside of East Maitland
- 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

Applications close at 3.30 PM on Wednesday 18 November - Applications received after this date will not be considered. Interviews will be held on Saturday 28 November.

Paul Teys
Principal