



Mental Health Liaison Role

Te Taura Here o Ōtautahi Kāhui Ako

Full or part time, 12 month position, starting February 2021

- Are you self-managing?
- Have a mental health background with the Canterbury District Health Board?
- Have a wide knowledge and experience of NGO mental health support providers in Canterbury
- Have a qualification relevant to youth mental health work such as in counselling, nursing, social work or similar?
- Or have a combination of these?

If so, you might like to consider this new position:

We're currently looking for a qualified health professional with mental health experience to join our team on a part time or full-time fixed term basis until January 2022.

This role will be based across the schools in our Kāhui Ako [Community of Learning]: Hagley College, Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery, Christchurch East School, Te Pā o Rākaihautū and the external providers in the mental health system within Canterbury. It will involve travel to schools and community mental health services.

Remuneration will be subject to qualifications and experience and negotiated with the successful applicant.

The Role: Where you fit in

In this role, you will be responsible for:

- Co-ordinating mental health services for young people across the schools working in conjunction with school counsellors.
- Building relationships between community and hospital mental health services and school mental health services.
- Assisting school counsellors, when requested, with student mental health assessment
- Making referrals to appropriate external mental health providers for students in the Kāhui Ako
- Liaising with external mental health providers on the referral outcome and communicate this information to the Kāhui Ako's (Community of Learning) counsellors

- Potential to work with young people, such as facilitating psycho-education groups for those with specific needs (eg ASD, anxiety), or other direct support as agreed with the counselling team.

Coordination of the mental health liaison person's work will be via a referral system overseen by a representative kāhui ako co-ordination team, chaired by a kāhui ako leader and comprising of key counselling team / senior leadership team members from each kura. The team will monitor capacity and case load closely, prioritising cases.

The Hagley College Board will act as the employer be responsible for appraisal and reporting.

Your skills will include:

- Registration with an appropriate professional body and hold a current Annual Practising Certificate
- Clinical scope of practice is essential
- Knowledge and experience of secondary mental health and NGO mental health support providers in Canterbury
- Experience conducting mental health risk assessments
- Sound communication skills with the ability to build rapport with clients and health providers
- A willingness to develop this new role in collaboration with the coordination team
- As some travel may be required, a full NZ driver's licence is essential.

Applying for this position:

Applications close Monday 18 January 2021 at 9am. Please email your letter, CV and completed application form [form is available at <https://www.hagley.school.nz/job-vacancies/>] to Sherron Harrison at Sherron.Harrison@staff.hagley.school.nz

Timeframe:

- Wednesday 20 January 2021: shortlisting completed and shortlisted applicant notified.
- Friday 22 January 2021 [from midday]: interviews