

Wollangarra Outdoor Education Centre 2018 Outdoor Leader

What is Wollangarra?

Wollangarra is an independent, non for profit organisation situated beside the Macalister River south of Licola, Victoria. A unique outdoor education experience provides the platform for Wollangarra to provide a realistic look at sustainability, environmental issues in a positive, friendly community. We believe that our way of life and the empowerment of the young people on our programs results in a truly new outlook on life for them, with many of them returning for further programs.

Read more: wollangarra.org.au/about



The Role

As an Outdoor Leader on the staff team at Wollangarra, you're an essential part of a small community based around a truly unique outdoor and environmental education program and lifestyle.

Each week a new group of young people will come across the flying fox and get to experience a way of life that has largely been forgotten. They leave behind their mobile phones, watches and timetables. They bake bread, split wood, tend the veggie garden, collect the eggs and feed the sheep. Young people are given opportunity to make decisions and are encouraged to positively contribute and feel like a valued member of the community. They hike, camp out, cook over open fires (where allowed), and partake in endless discussion about life, environment and the impacts society has on these things.

The position requires that you reside on the Wollangarra property and work a six day week. You will live and work with four other staff members, two Directors and their three year old son. Wollangarra becomes your workplace, home and family for the year. This brings lots of laughter, fun, adventure and, inevitably, a tear or two. The role is highly physical. Your time at Wollangarra will offer a challenging, but immensely rewarding experience.



Duties

- Lead Wollangarra's programs for young people aged 13-17
- Carrying out property tasks including gardening, wood chopping, animal care, maintenance, catering and cleaning
- Foster an awareness of self, community and sustainability in young people
- Encourage participation in conservation through outdoor education
- Ensure high standards of safety for young people and visitors

Mandatory Requirements

- Current Full Driver's License
- Current Victorian Working with Children Check.

Desirable Qualifications

- Qualifications in outdoor education, outdoor recreation, the environmental sciences or education.
- Wilderness First Aid certificate
- Training in four wheel drive or chainsaw use.

Selection Criteria

- Personal outdoor experience – hiking, camping, cooking, knowledge of outdoor gear.
- Demonstrated experience in leading, teaching, and/or working with young people.
- Ability to complete tasks on time with minimal supervision.

- A understanding of Wollangarra’s philosophy – recommended reading – “Secondhand and Solid” by Ian Stapleton.
- Desire to live and work in a small, remote location, without electricity, internet or mobile service.
- Ability to think on your feet and get things done with the tools and materials on hand.
- Practical skills in maintaining fences, vehicles, general fixing of things. (Wheelbarrows, axe handles, etc.)
- Experience or desire to learn about the care of livestock – ducks, chickens, sheep.
- Experience in driving heavy vehicles on tight, narrow mountain roads (Toyota Troop Carriers and Hi-ace vans full of kids).

To Apply

- For more information contact the Directors, Clare and Jay Reilly on 03 51480492 to discuss the position and let us know that you’re interested.
- Arrange for a visit to Wollangarra to check it out for yourself.
- To apply please email CV and application letter addressing key selection criteria to directors@wollangarra.org.au
- Applications close November 27th 2017.