

# Expression of interest

Information for classroom teachers



## School information

Aurora College, the state's first virtual secondary school, commenced classes in February 2015. The school is a Department of Education priority and a key deliverable of the Rural and Remote Education – a Blueprint for Action (pdf 1.4MB). Aurora is a gazetted 'stand-alone' school.

The school provides innovative and flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and learn globally.

Aurora College offers a mix of online and residential school classes. Aurora teachers remain in their 'home school' and connect with their students in timetabled lessons through a virtual learning environment which comprises web conferencing software, a learning management system, and a range of online communication and collaboration tools. The school also operates one of the state's only fully digital school libraries.

The successful applicants will be required to teach face-to-face classes in a five day residential school program, held twice each year. Reimbursement for travel and living expenses will be in accordance with the relevant award provisions. If appropriate, days of non-attendance at school will be negotiated with teachers who are required to teach face to face classes during the residential school program.

The school of the successful applicant will be provided with:

- a staffing supplement so the teacher can be released to teach a part-load at Aurora College
- a casual relief payment to support the teacher in preparing Aurora College learning and teaching programs and resources
- enabling technology for use by the Aurora teacher, including a laptop
- an allowance to support resource development and other costs.

The attached *Information at a glance* and the school website ([www.aurora.nsw.edu.au](http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au)) describe the college's ethos, aims and objectives.

## Position information

The recruitment process will be used to identify a pool of suitable candidates to teach the courses listed on the following page.

Only Permanent NSW teachers working with NSW Department of Education (including teachers working in Educational Services teams and state office directorates) are eligible to apply. Temporary, casuals and contractors working for Department are ineligible to apply.

The positions are available from **29 January 2019 until 18 December 2020**, with the possibility of extension (with the agreement of the home school principal).

Although previous experience teaching in a multi-modal environment will be an advantage, this is not an essential requirement. The successful applicants will be provided with targeted professional learning and ongoing support.

Applicants should note that:

- teachers and students are required to have their webcams switched 'on' during lessons
- lessons conducted in the college's virtual learning environment will be recorded for students of Aurora College to view at other times.

## Courses

### Years 7 to 10

English  
Mathematics  
Science

### Year 11

Chemistry  
Physics  
Agriculture  
Mathematics  
Mathematics Extension 1  
English Advanced  
English Extension 1  
Italian Beginners  
Japanese Beginners  
Korean Beginners  
Software Design and Development  
Economics  
Geography

### Year 12

Chemistry  
Physics  
Science Extension  
Agriculture  
Mathematics (2 Unit)  
Mathematics Extension 1  
Mathematics Extension 2  
English Advanced  
English Extension 1  
English Extension 2  
Italian Beginners  
Japanese Beginners  
Korean Beginners  
Software Design and Development  
Economics  
Geography  
History Extension

## Position criteria

- Approval to teach and extensive experience in teaching Years 7-12
- Capacity to deliver engaging and innovative lessons in a virtual environment
- Ability to monitor high educational standards
- Experience in differentiating learning to meet the needs of gifted and talented students.

## Applications

If you are interested in this opportunity, submit by email:

1. an expression of interest using the attached application form
2. your application (in no more than three pages) addressing the position criteria.

**Applications must be received by 5pm Friday 17 August, 2018.**

Your principal/manager must sign your expression of interest, indicating his/her willingness to release you to Aurora College should you be successful in gaining a position.

**Both documents should be forwarded as an attachment by email to:** Denise Deaves (School Administration Manager) [auracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:auracoll-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

## Want further information before you apply?

**For all related enquiries contact** Chris Robertson (Principal) on 1300 287 629.

**Join us for an information session** on Monday 6 August 2018 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm or Thursday 9 August 2018 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in Adobe Connect. [Click this link](#) for more details and to register your interest.