

Senior Leader, Community Engagement

Department of Education

Full-time Temporary Appointment up to 30 December 2022

Location: Kempsey High School

About the Department of Education

We ensure young children get the best start in life by supporting and regulating the early childhood education and care sector. We are the largest provider of public education in Australia with responsibility for delivering high-quality public education to two-thirds of the NSW student population. For more information about the Department of Education, please visit [NSW Department of Education](#)

The Connected Communities Strategy

Connected Communities is an innovative strategy that is intended to drive educational outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people through linking school education with other services. The strategy is being implemented in some of the most complex and vulnerable communities in NSW. Key components of the strategy are: cultural education delivered locally for all staff, teaching Aboriginal language and culture, partnership and co-leadership with the local Aboriginal community, early years focus through to further learning and employment, early intervention and prevention focus, the establishment of a Local School Reference Group at each school.

Connected Communities is a strategy to drive improved educational outcomes for Aboriginal children and young people.

The strategy positions schools as community hubs that broaden the influence of the community and school leadership in the delivery of key services that support children and young people from birth through school into further training, study and employment.

The Executive Principal will work in partnership with the local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and the local community to achieve the key accountabilities of the role.

Further information about the Connected Communities Strategy is available at: [education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/connected-communities](#)

About Kempsey High School

Kempsey High School is a lighthouse school for agriculture and works closely with our local TAFE to provide alternative programs such as School-based Traineeships. Vocational courses are offered in business, hospitality, primary industries, and construction. Kempsey High School offers a wide range of technologies to boost student thinking and problem solving, supporting our students to strive to reach their goals.

The school website is [kempsey-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](#)

About the role

The position supports the implementation of strategic initiatives and programs in Connected Communities schools, and provides a communication conduit between the school, Aboriginal families, local agencies and the community.

Notes: This is an Aboriginal identified role. When applying for an Aboriginal identified position, applicants must provide confirmation of Aboriginality and a certified statutory declaration upon interview as defined in the [Confirmation of Aboriginality Guidelines](#)

How to apply

The NSW Department of Education is committed to a diverse and inclusive workforce as an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) employer. We encourage diverse applicants from a range of backgrounds to apply for roles in the department.

To apply for this role, please submit an application by clicking "Apply Online" below. To apply, you will need to attach the following:

- Cover letter (max. 2 pages)
- Updated resume (max. 5 pages) in either Word or PDF format

Please address any **pre-screening questions and any essential requirements**. We are looking for you to demonstrate your competence in the focus capabilities as outlined in the [role description](#) in your answer, so please develop your response with this in mind.

Note: the selection process will include a range of assessment techniques to assist in determining your suitability for the role.

This is a child-related role. Applicants must currently hold a working [not volunteer status] Working with Children Check (WWCC) Clearance number as a condition of employment. For more information, visit [kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au/child-safe-organisations/working-with-children-check](#) as through experience we have had many delays in waiting for WWCC to be approved and do not want to delay this position any further.

In addition, your employment may be subject to the Department's Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check to determine your suitability for employment.

If you are called to interview you will need to provide the following:

[Proof of Identity information](#)

[Informed Consent Form](#)

[Declaration for child-related work](#)

Pre-Screening Questions (300 words maximum)

1. Provide an example of how you have coordinated a community activity with minimal supervision.
2. Describe how you could assist the Executive Principal in the implementation of the Connected Communities Strategy Across The School And Provide A Vital Link Between The School And The Local Aboriginal Community.

Essential Requirements

- Aboriginality
- Working with Children Check
- Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies (Please find [Aboriginal Education Policies](#))

From 8 November 2021 all Department of Education employees undertaking [relevant work](#), including any work conducted on a NSW school site, will be required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The successful candidate for this position will be required to confirm full vaccination status prior to the Department of Education finalising the appointment of the candidate and entry on duty. Further information on the Department's COVID-19 response is available at [education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19](#)

Note: A recruitment pool may be created through this recruitment process. A recruitment pool is a group of applicants who have been assessed and identified as suitable for this role or similar roles, and who may be considered for a range of similar roles, including temporary, term or ongoing roles, over the next 18 months.

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Closing Date: 28 November 2021

For all enquiries please contact Simon McKinney at [simon.mckinney@det.nsw.edu.au](#) or (02) 6562 6166

To apply online please visit [iworkfor.nsw.gov.au](#) website and refer to the following keyword: [00008MEI](#)