



Science Laboratory Technician

Position Description

Fahan School Background

Founded in 1935, Fahan School is an independent, non-denominational, values-based school for girls from Kindergarten to Year 12. Located on a single, spacious campus in Sandy Bay, just minutes from central Hobart, Fahan is known for academic strength, strong values, and a personalised approach to education.

Intentionally small, Fahan offers a connected and collaborative environment where students and staff share a strong sense of community. Every student is known, and every staff member plays a part in helping each girl develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to thrive - at school and beyond.

Fahan combines a rigorous academic program with a broad co-curricular offering across sport, the arts, leadership, and service. Student wellbeing is embedded in all aspects of school life, ensuring each girl is supported to achieve and to lead with integrity and resilience.

The School's motto, Light Come Visit Me, reflects our commitment to spark curiosity, foster character and guide each student towards her own version of success.

Philosophy

Fahan School is dedicated to excellence in education for girls and the realisation of each student's potential, providing a balanced curriculum encompassing academic, cultural, physical and practical areas of learning.

Our Vision: A future defined by courage, kindness and a love of learning.

Our Mission: Ignite curiosity and confidence to thrive in a changing world.

Our Values: Our values represent the deepest beliefs and sentiments to which we can aspire, and they shape our School Community.

Learning

We embrace challenge, effort, and feedback as part of the learning journey, celebrating diverse pathways, and valuing learning that extends beyond the classroom.

Spirit

We bring energy, care, and pride into our community, showing up, speaking up, and demonstrating courage even when it's hard. We celebrate together, support one another, and honour tradition while making space for change.

Community

We thrive through connection and contribution, building trust through kindness, respect and inclusion. We give back and grow together as we listen, share, and uplift one another.

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The Science Laboratory Technician is responsible for the efficient daily functioning of the science laboratories and assisting science staff with experimental work. The Science Laboratory Technician mainly works with Years 5 to 12.

Reports to: Science Coordinator

Key Relationships: Teaching staff, students, administrative staff

Primary Responsibilities

- Prepare equipment for practical lessons including handling and preparing chemical and biological matter.
- Trial and develop experiments with science staff in line with the Australian Curriculum.
- Advise staff on technical aspects of science practical work.
- Assist with in-class practical lessons, as required by science staff.
- Maintain the order and cleanliness of the laboratories and displays, equipment, store rooms and preparation areas.
- Order and purchase supplies of equipment and chemicals as needed.
- Ensure safe storage and disposal of chemicals, in accordance with regulations.
- Assist staff to prepare and maintain Hazardous Substances Risk Assessment forms online.
- Accompany students on excursions with science staff.
- Perform yard duties as required.

Selection Criteria

1. Demonstrated knowledge of how to maintain laboratories and store rooms and prepare materials for practical lessons.
2. Demonstrated broad general understanding of Science in the Australian Curriculum.
3. Demonstrated knowledge of Hazardous Substances.
4. Demonstrated knowledge of general workplace health and safety issues and how they apply to the work environment.
5. Ability to work with staff and students.
6. A current First Aid Certificate is desirable.

Essential Requirements

1. A background in Science with knowledge of Chemistry preferred.
2. A willingness to uphold the values of Fahan School.
3. Ability and experience in working with students and staff from all levels.
4. Ability to work as a member of a team.
5. Ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing.
6. Proficiency in digital technologies.
7. Understanding of the regulations regarding the use, storage and disposal of hazardous substances.
8. Valid Working with Vulnerable Persons registration.

Work Health and Safety

- Comply with the requirements of all applicable Work Health and Safety legislation and Fahan School Work Health and Safety policies and procedures.

Code of Conduct

- Abide by Fahan School's [Employee Code of Conduct](#) in the performance of all duties.
- Maintain high standards of personal and professional conduct.
- Exercise discretion and maintain the confidence of the Fahan School Community concerning the activities of the School.

Child Safety

The level of contact with children in this role is high and there must be adherence and a strong commitment to Fahan School's [Child Safe Program and Policies](#). Our Child Safe Policies demonstrate the School's strong commitment to the Child and Youth Safe Standards, the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (National Principles) and child safety, and provides an outline of the policies and practices that we have developed to keep our students safe, including from abuse or other harm.