



GREAT SOUTHERN GRAMMAR

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your expression of interest in a staff position at Great Southern Grammar.

The idea to establish an independent school in the Great Southern Region arose from the educational needs of families seeking an independent school alternative closer than metropolitan Perth.

To meet this need, Great Southern Grammar was founded in 1996 by a Development Committee, which refined the concept and put a business plan in place.

Great Southern Grammar was incorporated in 1998 and those who had worked to establish the School became the first Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees established the inaugural School Council. The School Council as the governing body of GSG are the educational and financial authority of the School.

The School opened in 1999 with 36 students at a temporary campus. The building master plan was commenced to establish permanent facilities at Lower Kalgan. The School moved into its new home on the shores of Oyster Harbour in Term One of 2000.

When local Noongar elder Aiden Eades spoke at the opening ceremony of the School he stated, *"The School grounds are of special significance to local Noongars, with the Kalgan and King rivers meeting close by. Never forget that this is Noongar land but you are welcome to use it, especially for the use of something like education."*

Albany is an idyllic, unique environment with a strong community culture linked to agriculture and maritime activity. The GSG campus is as expansive as our curriculum, including an agricultural studies programme introduced in 2016. Situated on 144 acres adjoining Oyster Harbour in Albany, we offer children everything from science to scuba diving, maths to maritime studies and history to horse riding. It is this richness of learning and breadth of experiences that allows our students to uncover their strengths and passions.

Our vision is to be the premier provider of education in the Great Southern region, offering quality education in a Christian environment.

The mission of GSG is to provide the young people of the Great Southern region and beyond, a world-class school, incorporating a liberal education, the Christian faith and a maritime heritage.

The core values of the School are integrity, respect, tolerance and compassion.

GSG is a non-denominational Christian school. All staff are expected to support the Christian foundation and aims of the School.

As an Independent school, we value learning inside and outside of the classroom, offering a wide range of co-curricular activities with all staff expected to be actively involved in developing and supporting the co-curricular program.

We give girls and boys from Kindergarten to Year Twelve a world of opportunity in a supportive country setting. At Great Southern Grammar, children have room to flourish.

GSG is more than just a school, however. It is a growing, thriving community that prospers and succeeds on the basis of the contribution of all of its members; parents, students, teachers and the wider community. Every member of our community plays a part in developing GSG, a country school offering city opportunities.

I trust this introductory letter provides some insight into what is important and valued at GSG. I invite you to become part of our community, a community that values the education of the whole child.

Those short-listed for a position will be invited to visit the School to gain a more detailed discussion and overview of our world class school.

I look forward to receiving your application.

Yours sincerely

Mark Sawle
Principal

