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**St Paul’s Castle Hill Volunteer Job Description**

**ROLE TITLE: SRE teacher/ helper**

***Our St Paul’s mission is to bring people to Christ, build them in Christ, and send them out for Christ.***

**MINISTRY HEAD:** Ruth Timms (Volunteer)/ Linda Stephens/ others

**STAFF MINISTRY LEADER:** Linda Stephens (Children’s Minister)

**VISION/GOAL FOR THIS ROLE:**  Christian SRE helpers and teachers support children who are part of Christian believing families as well as teaching children whose families are seeking or interested in Christian beliefs.

The purpose of our Children’s Ministry is to lead children across SPCH in accordance with our strategy of Bring, Build, & Send so that they are transformed into age-appropriate disciples of Jesus.

**TIME COMMITMENT:** Weekly serving during school terms (about 10 weeks with 2 weeks break between). ½ hour preparation minimum prior to the weekly commitment (½ hour class).

**KEY REQUIREMENTS:**

You must

* Hold a current wwcc (volunteer or employed)
* Complete a SMC (Safe Ministry Check).
* Complete Safe Ministry Course (completed online and refreshed every 3 years).
* Agree to sign on for a year minimum. 2 years preferred.
* Have all SRE modules completed before starting (in person and online options available)

**CHARACTER:**

* Value and be growing in a relationship with Jesus
* Live a personal life that is above reproach
* Have others around you in your walk with Christ who affirm your character (staff, small group leader, team leader references)
* Be punctual & prepared for SRE

**CONVICTION:**

* Be actively engaged in the life of St Paul’s church, through regularly attending a service and small group (at least 6 months prior)
* Agree with SPCH Vision, Mission & Statement of Beliefs (<https://stpauls.church/what-we-believe/>)
* ­Live to give God the glory
* Be dependent on our Father in heaven, praying to him each week for children in my care.
* I am God’s shepherd to the children I lead. These are the children whom I teach and whom I model Christ to.

**COMPETENCY:**

* I am optimistic in expecting to see God at work in transforming the lives of the kids I teach.
* I will carefully discipline my children because I know of its positive effect.
* I will use my gifts and talents that God has given to me for His glory.
* I will be thankful and praise God in all things, big and small.
* I will not settle for mediocrity.

**KEY TASKS AND RESPONSIBLITIES:**

* To commit to continue praying for your class (es).
* To work hard to get to know each child (as much as possible)
* To teach the approved curriculum (open and closed hand image. *From SRE training module 3*).
* To prepare the lesson ahead of class (using the teachers lesson provided).

**TRAINING AND SUPPORT:**

Youthworks modules train every new teacher and helper thoroughly. Meeting with the SRE coordinator before starting will also be helpful to help best set you up for the ministry task. SRE teachers are also required to do 2 hours of training (minimum) per year (online or in person). The ideal model is to watch a class or be helper before teaching on your own. Team coffees and prayer before classes also provide extra support for teachers.

All kids’ workbooks’ and lesson plans are provided.

**Websites**

Youthworks SRE <https://youthworks.net/about-sre>

Curriculum Primary SRE [http://cepconnect.com.au](http://cepconnect.com.au/)

Extra Primary Resources <http://cepconnect.com.au/myconnect>

SRE Information for parents [http://www.whysre.com.au](http://www.whysre.com.au/)

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**Please refer to the SRE Teacher’s SPCH Manual for further details.**

The verse below indicates our heart for kids’ ministry.

***70*** *He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens;*  
***71*** *from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance.*

***72 And David shepherded them with integrity of heart with skillful hands he led them. (Psalm 78:70-72)***