

JOB DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Senior Language Resource Officer
Designation: Senior Professional 1
Work Unit: Yuendumu School
Responsible To: Yuendumu School Principal
Commencement: January, 2016



Primary Objective

Support the delivery of vernacular education and English as Additional language within 3 Warlpiri Schools' Bilingual programs, Yuendumu, Willowra and Nyirрпи.

Context Statement

Yuendumu is a remote community situated approximately 300km North West of Alice Springs. Nyirрпи is 160km West and Willowra is 160km North East of Yuendumu. The position would be based in Yuendumu with regular visits to Willowra and Nyirрпи. These programs follow a step model whereby instruction in the Early Years is predominantly in the first language and initial literacy is delivered in the first language. This position works extensively with School staff and the Bilingual Resource Development Unit (BRDU). The position is responsible for the implementation of bilingual education as prescribed in Yuendumu School Council's Language Policy (2015).

Key Responsibilities

1. As a team member, advise and support the schools with the implementation of bilingual programs.
2. Initiate and participate in the provision of professional development for Indigenous and non-Indigenous staff and Indigenous community members involved in language education. This involves Warlpiri Triangle workshops every term.
3. Provide linguistic advice to Department of Education (DoE) personnel and to other agencies such as the BRDU to support the achievement of English as an Additional language and vernacular literacy and language outcomes.
4. Provide linguistic information to linguists from other agencies and universities researching Warlpiri language.
5. Develop baseline data and school targets for reporting against improvements in indigenous language, EAL/D and mathematics outcomes to the school community and the system.
6. Collaborate with school-based teams to develop and archive curriculum and resources appropriate to the local language situation and with relevant DoE staff and community members to carry out appropriate research to facilitate curriculum language outcomes.
7. Supervise writing, editing, checking Warlpiri texts for production.
8. Collect information from Elders who speak very little English for the Warlpiri Curriculum Theme Cycle. We have very little information in some areas and we have few Elders left who lived in the bush and have a great store of Warlpiri information and knowledge.
9. Creating or supervising multi-media resource files for language resource and preservation of Indigenous natural science knowledge.

Selection Criteria

Essential:

1. A higher degree with major studies in Linguistics.
2. Proven ability to carry out linguistic research and linguistic fieldwork.
3. Positive attitude towards Indigenous language, culture and society.
4. Knowledge of the contemporary linguistic situations in Indigenous Australia.
5. Demonstrated success communicating and working effectively in a cross-cultural context with educators, elders, professionals and para-professionals in other disciplines and indigenous co-workers.
6. Proven experience in working with school-based language programs.
7. Experience in the use of computers for advanced word processing and linguistics databases.

Desirable:

1. Ability to speak an Indigenous language.
2. Previous experience in the organization and delivery of professional development activities.

Further Information

AN APPLICATION AND CURRICULUM VITAE IS NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL OF 2 PAGES

1. This position involves extensive travel, mainly on unsealed roads in 4WD vehicles, and overnight stays in remote communities. A current NT drivers licence and 4WD training will be required.
2. For further information or copies Yuendumu School Council's Language Policy (2015), contact Emma Browne 0408761112, emc.browne@gmail.com

Applications should be submitted via emailed no later than 9am, Thursday 10th December 2015.

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Approved by:



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