Position Available:  *Garden Specialist for Collingwood College* Prep-Year 12

The aim of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation is to establish and support and evaluate projects in primary schools that introduce young children to the wonderful world of good food by means of developing a productive food garden and an exciting kitchen that includes a nurturing place to share food. All as an integral part of the school curriculum.

The Garden Specialist at Collingwood College will work with the Kitchen Specialist to deliver a high quality holistic kitchen garden program that excites and engages the children at our school. Classroom teachers will support the K.G specialists in the aims of these unique classrooms.

Kitchen and Garden Specialists are employed in the program to engage the curiosity of the young students and to help them learn how to grow the very best food in the very best way, how to care for it in the garden, how to recognise when it is ripe and at its best, how to prepare it easily and enjoyably and how to develop an expanding culinary palate and be excited by all of these experiences. This approach seeks to convince children to modify their eating habits because the food they are experiencing tastes so good rather than because they are being told to eat some foods and not to eat others.

The best of all possible worlds would be for the Kitchen and Garden Specialists to also engage the classroom teachers, the providers of food elsewhere in the school, the parents and the community to become excited by the possibilities this project offers. Successful applicants will have a desire to make a difference to the health and well being of primary school children and an appreciation and empathy with the Foundation mission and values. (See [www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au](http://www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au))

Collingwood College will provide you with a supportive working environment. You will be treated as part of the professional team of teaching and support staff at the school in your work. This is a great opportunity for creative, committed and innovative people from a range of work backgrounds to be involved in important curriculum innovation at Collingwood College. Collingwood College is proud to be the pilot school of The Kitchen Garden Program and is the site for The National Learning Centre for TSAKGF.
Applications should:

• Address the ‘Attributes and Experience Required’ statements in the attached position descriptions. (No more than 4 pages)

• Include a record of work history and personal skills and achievements. List up to three referees including contact numbers. (No more than 2 pages)

• Include your personal address and contact details.

Two copies of your application should be marked ‘Kitchen Garden Position’, and received at Collingwood College, no later than Monday 20th February 2012.