



ST ALIPIUS PARISH SCHOOL

Ballarat East

## Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader (MHiPS Leader)

**Position:** Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader (0.4)

**Start Date:** Term 1, 2026 (negotiable)

### About St Alipius Parish School

We are a vibrant Catholic community grounded in the values of **Excellence, Equity & Empowerment**, forming confident, creative, and compassionate learners. Guided by our mission and the DOBCEL framework, we foster collaborative cultures and sustainable stewardship—caring for each student's faith, learning, and wellbeing in a supportive, inclusive environment.

### MHIPS Leader Role Overview

As part of the **Mental Health in Primary Schools (MHiPS)** initiative, we are seeking a dedicated **Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader (MHWL)** to cultivate whole-school wellbeing. Funded by the Victorian Government, the MHWL role is not clinical but strategic—focused on building staff capacity, creating referral pathways, and embedding mental health strategies school-wide.

### Key Responsibilities

- Embed **evidence-based training and resources** to empower staff in identifying and supporting students' mental health needs.
- Provide responsive **classroom support** for students identified with mental health concerns.
- Establish and maintain **clear referral pathways** within the school and to external services.



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- Collaborate with regional mental health teams to align student supports.
- Lead **whole-school mental health promotion, prevention, and early-intervention initiatives**.
- Monitor student progress and contribute to wellbeing policy and transformation efforts.

### **Training & Support Provided**

- Induction and professional learning from the **University of Melbourne's MHIPS training program**.
- Ongoing participation in **Communities of Practice**, comprising peer sessions, expert-led seminars, and reflective learning.

### **Requirements**

- Current Victorian Institute of Teaching registration.
- Demonstrated experience in primary school teaching and/or wellbeing leadership.
- Strong communication, collaboration, and organisational skills.
- A passion for embedding preventative, school-wide mental health practices.

### **How to Apply**

Please submit a letter addressing your suitability for the role (max 2 pages) to:

**[eclarke@saballarat.catholic.edu.au](mailto:eclarke@saballarat.catholic.edu.au)**

**Applications close:** 5:00pm, Monday, 25th August

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