

School Guidance Counsellors' Advisory Group Member

Position Description

Purpose:

One of NZAC's key projects is to secure and promote counselling as primary intervention in youth mental health by:

- Increasing counsellor ratio in schools 1:400
- Lobbying for qualified counsellors in primary and intermediate schools

Role:

- The NZAC's School Guidance Counsellors' Advisory Group represent NZAC school counsellors in a working group.

Accountability / Relationship

- National Executive through National Executive Liaison to Advisory Group

Areas of Responsibility:

- Working to support SGC conferences and to recommend professional development within schools
- Providing professional support and guidance for SGCs.
- Working on projects which promote SGCs in their role as key professionals supporting youth wellbeing, for example the 2019 Research Project.
- Responding to queries on issues relating to management of "at risk" students in schools.
- Collaborating with National Executive to develop strategic direction and complete tasks on SGC portfolio plan

Criteria for School Guidance Counsellor Advisory Group Members:

- Be a Member of NZAC committed to upholding the Association's values and principles and hold a current Annual Practising Certificate
- Be committed to honouring our Te Tiriti o Waitangi relationship with Tangata Whenua.
- Have knowledge and experience in the functions of NZAC at Branch level and/or National Maori Roopu or National Committee or National Executive level
- Have experience in the field of counselling
- Have knowledge of current NZAC policies and processes
- Have knowledge of group dynamics and processes
- Have at least five years' experience as an NZAC school guidance counsellor, preferably in more than one school.
- Be able to identify the unique challenges and concerns of youth.
- Have knowledge and experience in the functions of NZAC at Branch and/or National Maori Roopu level
- Agree to be accountable to the NZAC Executive for decisions and actions undertaken as a member of the SGC advisory group and work as a team to promote and advance the work of school guidance counsellors in Aotearoa.
- Agree to attend at least two meetings annually of the advisory group and contribute to online discussions and reports as required.



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Reviewed:

For Review: