

Position description

POSITION	Teacher Aide		
Unit	Auckland West		
Responsible to	Unit Leader		
Background	Northern Health School provides education to students while they are too unwell to attend their regular school. Teaching occurs at the school unit, in hospital settings both in wards and/or classrooms, and/or within the community, supporting students with high health needs. The Teacher Aide supports teaching staff in the delivery of education services to these students.		

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES	
Primary Objective	 Support an environment which promotes good mental, physical, emotional and social growth. Implement programmes with relevant classroom teacher support and direction, that allow student(s) to attain an acceptable and satisfying rate of progress and achievement. Assist teachers catering for the needs of individual students requiring extra assistance with either direct or indirect interventions. Set, maintain and model professional standards. Work harmoniously and collaboratively with all school staff and others you may meet through support agencies or at other facilities. Interact effectively with students in the classes you are working in. Actively strive to promote the child's independence and personal growth. Act as a positive role model for our students.

Before Class During Class	 Check with classroom teacher as to what is needed for the session, what is being planned and with whom to work. Prepare any materials or resources needed for the session. Check with classroom teacher on any other tasks that need to be done. Work with students as directed by teacher. If classroom is busy, move around as much as possible. If classroom is quiet, work with one or two students. Participate in leading education outside the classroom activities with a focus on movement for mental and physical wellbeing. If working with, or playing a game with students, allow them plenty of thinking time and let them do as much as possible. Suggest, rather than tell, give hints, show examples etc. but allow students to follow through. Students must do their own work. Don't do it for them otherwise it is not their work. Encourage students to work in dependently with support as required. Actively discourage student rudeness, smart or cheeky behaviour right from the outset. Support teachers at all times.
After class	 If not many students in class, check with teacher to see if other tasks can be done, for example: Photocopying. Gluing work into student workbooks. Mounting and displaying artwork. Working with individual students. Cleaning and sorting teacher and student resources. Ensure all materials are put away, tables and benches clear and cleaned. Any write up of activities done in class.

DESIGNATION	NAME	SIGNATURE	DATE
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