



## Permaculture Garden Volunteer Role Description

**Time commitment:** Tuesdays 9.30am – 12.30pm

**Background:** The Templestowe College permaculture garden is a vibrant and productive learning environment for the students of TC. As well as providing a place to learn new skills, the garden serves as a contemplative and recreational space for students and staff. The vision of TC is that the garden continues to grow and become increasingly productive, supplying produce to partnership programs in catering, canteen and food studies.

**Purpose:** This volunteer role is to assist in the ongoing development and maintenance of the TC permaculture garden beds. The volunteer group will also be assigned weekly projects such as new garden bed preparation.

**Volunteer tasks:** General garden development and maintenance – weeding, mulching, watering, composting, digging, planting, staking and pruning.

**Supervisors:** Drew Barr, Caitlin Camrie, John Williams, Jo Skuse

**Supervision:** After adequate training has been provided the volunteer will be expected to work without direct supervision, although one of the supervisors will be on site.

### **OHS requirements:**

- Working with Children Check
- OHS and site induction
- On-the-job training
- Sign in and out at the general office at the start and finish of each shift
- Wear either a visitor badge or name plate (provided when trial period is complete)
- Maintain a safe workplace, follow safe work procedures and other instructions
- Wear suitable clothing – highly recommended – long sleeve shirt, long trousers, wide brimmed hat, and sunscreen. Please note – wearing covered, sturdy footwear is mandatory.

### **Necessary skills:**

- able to perform light physical tasks
- commitment, enthusiasm and responsibility
- some experience with gardening would be an advantage, and a willingness to learn more
- able to work in a safe manner around young adults
- able to communicate with staff on activities performed or completed
- able to recognize when they need help and to be comfortable to seek help or advice
- able to understand and follow directions and complete tasks accordingly

### **Volunteer Benefit:**

- access to knowledge and gaining skills in permaculture gardening
- working in a desirable outdoor location
- working in a team with staff, students and members of the wider community
- being part of the innovative TC community

**Trial period:** One month from commencement, or 4 sessions