



KEARSNEY COLLEGE

Founded in 1921

Kearsney College is a leading independent boarding and day school for approximately 650 boys from Grades 8 to 12. The 125-acre estate is in a beautiful country setting on the edge of the Valley of a Thousand Hills, just outside Durban. Kearsney has an outstanding record of academic achievement in the IEB Matriculation Examinations and provides a dynamic sporting and cultural offering.

Kearsney College invites suitably qualified and experienced candidates to apply for the position of

Accompanist (Keyboard Specialist)

Key Responsibilities:

- Piano/keyboard accompaniment of music students during rehearsals, performances, recitals, examinations and competitions;
- curriculum development and tuition of piano students (beginner to advanced) and preparing them for performances and examinations;
- management and upkeep of all pianos on campus, liaising with piano tuners and repairers;
- limited teaching of music (theory, history, performance practice, music industry related topics, music production, etc), based on the needs of the music department and the competencies of the successful candidate;
- accompaniment of our choir and ensembles, at school and on tours (national and international), at a professional standard. Performances often take place outside of working hours and over weekends;
- competency in a variety of musical disciplines/genres, e.g. classical styles, contemporary/pop music, and/or jazz;
- management and updating of our music department's inventory of instruments and equipment;
- limited administrative duties, as required within the department;
- uphold and support the culture and ethos of our independent, faith-based, boarding school for boys.

Requirements:

- Proven experience and competency as a piano accompanist for individual musicians, as well as in an ensemble setting, both at a professional level;
- well-developed skills on (an) additional instrument(s) would be an advantage (teaching and/or performing).
- relevant tertiary qualifications in the field of music;
- competency in playing from sheet music is mandatory. Competency in sight-reading and transposition would be an advantage;
- excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to collaborate effectively with students, teachers, and other musicians;
- a passion for music education and a commitment to fostering the musical growth of students;
- flexibility to work evenings and weekends as required for rehearsals, performances, and events;
- knowledge and competency around music production and recordings would be an advantage;
- proficiency as an organist would be an advantage but is not mandatory.

Interested candidates must apply in writing to vacancies@kearsney.com with the job title in the subject line. Candidates should include a covering letter with their CV as well as three work references.

Closing date: Friday 24 May 2024

Kearsney College reserves the right not to make an appointment. An application does not entitle the applicant to an interview. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Should applicants not have been contacted within 21 days of submitting their application, they may accept that their application has been unsuccessful in this instance.