

## Recruitment of ABCN Chief Executive Officer

### The Position

The Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN) is a purpose-led, not-for-profit organisation that brings businesses and schools together to address educational disadvantage.

ABCN connects volunteers from member companies with students from low socio-economic backgrounds to provide fun, workplace-based mentoring programs that develop students' confidence, skills and aspirations vital for thriving in the future workplace.

ABCN is seeking to appoint an outstanding leader as its next Chief Executive Officer, and the ABCN Board of Directors invites appropriately qualified and experienced candidates to apply.

### The Role

- A commitment to driving change and increasing social mobility through ABCN's work.
- To ensure ABCN champions, maintains, and improves its role as a coalition of education and business leaders working to improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged students in Australia.
- Responsibility for the overall leadership and the reputational, operational, financial and risk management of ABCN.
- To build and sustain critical relationships with key internal and external stakeholders, including the Board, Advisory Council, Foundation Board, senior management team, member companies, schools, government and education partners and philanthropy leaders.
- In conjunction with the Board, to set ABCN's vision, developing and executing ABCN's strategic plan, and ensuring the viability and sustainability of ABCN.
- Lead and develop a high performing team.

### Experience and Capability

- Demonstrated leader and driver of a positive organisational culture, including fostering an environment of accountability and inclusivity within the business.
- Effective developer and manager of resources, policies, and systems.
- Active and concise communicator with all board members, team, and other key stakeholders.
- Excellent communication skills with external stakeholders, including business, government, and education. Proven capability of having a 'voice' in the external market.

- Commercial mindset ensuring long term sustainability and commercial viability to meet ABCN's objectives.
- An understanding of education, social mobility and the current Australian business culture.
- Strong strategic relationship manager.
- Hands-on leader who is prepared to work with the team to get the job done.
- Stronger builder and user of networks.
- Mission and outcomes focused.
- Effective delegator.

Korn Ferry is assisting ABCN with this appointment. For any further information regarding this role, please get in touch with Courtenay Atwell at [abcnceo@kornferry.com](mailto:abcnceo@kornferry.com).

To apply confidentially, please supply a resume and a brief cover letter that outlines your skills and experience relevant to the role to: [abcnceo@kornferry.com](mailto:abcnceo@kornferry.com) by 5:00 pm on Friday, 18 February 2022 (AEST).