WHY A CHAPLAINCY SERVICE?

A Chaplaincy Service is provided by a Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) in a school community on behalf of the local combined Christian community to provide additional support as needed.

Pastoral Care Workers

- Provide pastoral care in a ‘first response’ capacity to critical incidents, refer to specialist support and to provide ongoing presence and follow-up
- Work closely and in partnership with leadership and other wellbeing staff in schools to provide pastoral care and practical support to students, families and staff as requested
- Are well positioned to work across the whole school to ‘build a sense of’ community, harmony and cohesion
- Are trained and equipped to provide their school with a unique dimension of social, emotional and spiritual support in line with the DECD wellbeing framework

Partnerships

Your local school and your local church work together to provide your Pastoral Care Worker.

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The Facts
Students today face a more complex and challenging environment than ever before.

- 15% of young Australians are currently experiencing an anxiety condition
- Bullying is the leading social issue among SA students
- Just under half of all divorces occur among couples with children under 18
- 15% of SA students miss out on breakfast


Support in SA Schools:
Outcomes from a 2014 Survey

Grief & Loss

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Figures based on results from 20 day survey

PASTORAL CARE WORKER: SALLY HENDERSON

I am a passionate mother of five gorgeous children who loves encouraging and inspiring others to dream big, stretch yourself and go the extra mile. I believe we are all so much more than we think we are and each of us have unique talents we haven’t yet discovered. This is my fourth year as a Pastoral Care Worker and during that time I have supported individual students, teachers and families in areas such as friendships and parenting, and been a part of craft clubs, Zumba, baking, Master Chef, games, Play Group, Walking Group, morning teas, excursions, whole school activities and love to cheer the kids on at Sports Day.

In my spare time you’ll find me on the beach, up Mount Lofty or on the river. These are my favourite place to be.

I would love to hear your story and am very much looking forward to meeting you.

My regular days at school are:
Tuesday 9-2pm
Wednesday 9-4pm

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CHAPLAINCY & WELLBEING

Chaplaincy Services promote student wellbeing, engaging young people in activities that are preventative and which support early intervention and referral of mental health issues.

PRINCIPALS ARE SAYING...

The benefits of the program are clear and include; increased attendance at school by identified students, social and emotional support, increased access to social skills programs and families feeling supported in time of crisis such as suicide, death and family separations.

Primary School Principal

A lot of student problems never eventuate because Trev has provided support and encouragement early on. The students always walk away from their time with him with more bounce in their step....It is hard to imagine our school without thinking of our Worker.

High School Principal

Schools Ministry Group (SMG) coordinate and facilitate Chaplaincy Services in government schools across South Australia.

- SMG partners with schools, local churches, state and federal governments to deliver Chaplaincy Services through the engagement of a Pastoral Care Worker.
- SMG works collaboratively with these partners in the recruitment, supervision and ongoing professional development of PCW’s to ensure the placement of high quality workers who are well equipped to support young people and strengthen communities.
- Pastoral Care Workers are funded from two main sources - the National School Chaplaincy Program (administered by DECD) and the local church communities.
- The Chaplaincy Service provided through your PCW is a voluntary program offered to school communities.

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FULHAM GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

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