WHAT IS 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.

WHY A CHAPLAINCY SERVICE?

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

FUNERALS 121
MEMORIALS 28
FAMILY DEATHS 712
STAFF & STUDENT DEATHS 93

Other Activities

Mentoring
Healthy Eating*
Support for Parents
Suicide Prevention
Anti-Bullying*

Figures based on results from 20 day survey

Figures based on 5 monthly overview / *PCW’s address the top two social issues expressed by students in the 2013 ABS Census of School

PASTORAL CARE WORKER:
TRACEY COOPER

It is my privilege to have been involved in Pastoral Care for children and families since 2008.

I love my work and I have a genuine care and compassion for all people, no matter what their beliefs, background or situation.

The health and wellbeing of people, especially children, is very important to me. I am available to listen, encourage and support the whole school community, socially, emotionally and spiritually within a safe confidential environment.

Some of the ways in which I may be able to help you and your family are through active listening, encouragement, support, advocacy, provide resources and referrals, connect you with Government, community and business organisations and of course, I can pray for you. If I can be of any assistance to you or your family please phone/ email or drop in and say hello.

I look forward to meeting you 😊

My regular days at school are:
Tuesday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Thursday 8.30am - 4.00pm
Friday 1.30pm - 3.30pm

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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 Trev 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.

• School Chaplaincy commenced in SA Government schools in 1986.

• 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 and the local church communities.

• The Chaplaincy Service provided through your PCW is a voluntary program offered to school communities.

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EAST PARA PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

A Chaplaincy Service provided by Schools Ministry Group (SMG)