Introducing Tracey Cooper,
Pastoral Care Worker
- providing pastoral support to East Para Primary School
- linking families to community resources and services.

Tracey is at our school Tuesday & Thursday 8.30-4.00pm and on Friday 1.30-3.30pm. Her role is to
- pastorally support the school in its aim to be a safe and supportive learning environment and
so Tracey contributes through involvement in a range of activities such as classroom
support, camps, excursions, and lunchtime groups, and can provide support to individual
students with the consent of their parents (see below)
- To link families to community resources and services by providing information about support
and services provided through government agencies community groups including church
groups.

Tracey does not promote nor discriminate on the grounds of any particular ideology, but works to
enable a supportive, inclusive and caring learning environment within the school for all students.

Tracey’s office is located in the main building opposite room 2. She can be contacted by phoning
the front office or via email tracey.cooper995@schools.sa.edu.au or by putting message in her
mailbox on her office door.

More information about the role and activities of Tracey can be found on the school website under
Pastoral Care Worker or by contacting the Principal or Counsellor.

Consent for my student to work with the Pastoral Care Worker

Background
For many years Pastoral Care Workers, previously known as Chaplains, have worked in a number
of South Australian Government Schools. These workers are employed and funded by the Federal
Government, local Christian Ministers Association, local Inter Church Council or an ecumenical
Christian group and operate with the knowledge and support of the local clergy. Their work is
framed by an agreement between DECD and the Heads of Churches Schools Ministry Coordinating
Group (SMG).

As you will be aware, as a result of the current government’s strong commitment to Child
Protection, much more stringent conditions of appointment and workplace processes now apply to
all adults working with children. The current agreement in relation to the Pastoral Care Worker
Program reflects this and requires that students must have written informed parental consent before
obtaining individual, personal assistance from a person working in the school’s Pastoral Care
Worker Program.

Parents/Caregivers are asked to complete their child’s name, tick Yes or No below, sign this
form, and return it to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Student Name . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Room . . . . . . .

I give consent for my child to

☐ YES ☐ NO Have one on one ongoing support (NON-RELIGIOUS) i.e. separation/divorce
☐ YES ☐ NO Have ongoing group support (NON-RELIGIOUS) i.e. friendship issues
☐ YES ☐ NO Attend lunch time activities (NON-RELIGIOUS) i.e. art & craft
☐ YES ☐ NO Attend Christian activities i.e. Christmas play, Year 7 lunchtime program

I understand that teachers retain over-riding duty of care for students in such circumstances.
Therefore Tracey is required to confidentially inform teaching staff of all matters related to duty of
care and student learning, health and wellbeing and will ensure my child is aware of the scope and
limits of privacy and confidentiality in any conversation at which a teacher is not present. I am
aware too that Tracey is a mandated notifier in relation to child protection.

I understand I can change this consent in writing to the Principal at any time.

Parent/Caregiver Signature / / Date