

Chaplaincy Services

Chaplaincy at Thornlands SS

Chaplaincy services are provided at Thornlands State School through the Australian Government National School Chaplaincy Programme.

These services are optional and provide additional social, emotional and spiritual support to students to complement existing support services within the school. They provide an additional adult role model in the school, and enhance engagement with the broader community including parents.

The school's P&C provides advice to the principal on the development and implementation of the school's chaplaincy service.

Through an Accredited Employing Authority (AEA), the school has engaged the services of a chaplain for 2 days per week.

The chaplain provides support for a range of day-to-day matters affecting the school community and these activities are considered by the school's P&C and the Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) and approved by the principal. Chaplains are not allowed to provide counselling, evangelise or proselytise, advocate for or denigrate a particular worldview or faith.

Written informed consent is required for students to participate in ongoing one-on-one meetings with the chaplain.

The chaplain is an additional support person in the school and is involved in a number of activities which are outlined below.

The following duties are part of the approved workplan:	
<u>Social and/or Emotional Support</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assisting students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills that support learning, positive behaviour and constructive social relationships. • conducting social skills programs for students referred by other school-based support staff. 	<u>Community Development</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enhancing the links between the school and its community. • working with school-based support staff and community-based networks to support students.
<u>Spiritual Support</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing an additional dimension to the school's care, guidance and support of students – through the provision of general spiritual and personal advice – thereby enhancing a positive sense of belonging, meaning and purpose. 	<u>Mentoring</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acting as a role model for students. • assisting in the development of supportive relationships for, with, and among students.
<u>Educational Support</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assisting classroom activities (under teacher direction) to support those students who may be at risk of disengagement. 	<u>Extra-curricula activities</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • participating in general school activities eg. camps, excursions, school musical, sports days or coaching team sports.
<u>General work and administration</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accurate record keeping 	<u>Other</u> <p>Staff pastoral care as requested by individuals.</p>

Additional information on chaplaincy and student welfare services can be obtained from:

- The [Department of Education, Training and Employment](#) website, or
- The Australian Government, Department of Education [National School Chaplaincy Programme](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding chaplaincy/student welfare services please do not hesitate to contact **Robyn Wilton or Kristy Warriner** on **38218111**.