



Poynter Primary School

Independent Public School

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

At Poynter Primary School we aspire to always provide a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment for our students, parents and staff. In trying to achieve this, we have been fortunate enough to secure funding for a school chaplain program commencing in Semester 2, 2015 for two days per week. The program will continue in 2016. The school chaplaincy program will aim to provide a pastoral care program for our students as part of achieving academic excellence as well as health and mental wellbeing. Working with our Student Services Team, the chaplaincy program will be an important part of our inclusive strategy. Our school chaplaincy service is provided through YouthCare, who are the agreed providers for the Department of Education.



School chaplains provide holistic pastoral care to students, school staff and members of the community, irrespective of their faith or cultural backgrounds. The pastoral care provided has a broad scope and the formal part may include one on one and programmed group session addressing physical and mental health issues, social and values education, behaviour management, emotional support and professional referrals among many other out workings.

The school Chaplain works alongside the school leadership and student services team to provide pastoral care that supports the personal and social wellbeing of students, their families and staff. Pastoral care incorporates a wide variety of issues ranging from health, social and values education, behaviour management and emotional support for people, regardless of faith and cultural background. In carrying out this role it includes the following:

- Building relationships with students, families and staff.
- Being a mentor.
- Being a positive role model.
- Providing additional practical help for teaching and administrative staff.
- Providing a link between schools and local communities.
- Run and coordinate activities and programs that support pastoral care issues.
- Visit classes across all year levels to support and interact with students through class activities.

The School Chaplaincy is an Opt-Out programme from the formal process; however, this does not include the informal, incidental contact with the chaplain that may occur on a daily basis. The chaplain, Eden Bracegirdle, commenced in July 2016 and will be available at school every Wednesday and Friday.

Attached is the formal access pathway for your information.



Request for Service: School Chaplain: Poynter P.S.

Teachers:

- Discussion with parent
- Expression of concern to Lynne Cross

Parents:

- Discussion directly with Chaplain
- Discussion with teacher
- Expression of concern to Lynne Cross

