

Young people feel valued
Teachers are supported
Families develop resilience
Local people engage to bring
lasting change for good

Chaplains help the whole
community



Supporting Chaplaincy

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How is School Chaplaincy funded?

School Chaplaincy is funded through a variety of ways in schools throughout NSW. Many schools receive a government grant which covers a set number of hours per year until the end of 2018. Some schools have also sourced funding from local grants, P&C activities, business sponsorship, community groups, churches and individual supporters to increase hours.

Find out how you can support myChaplain at
www.mychaplain.org.au

Generate Ministries

Generate is the largest provider of School Chaplains in NSW. Generate partners with schools in the recruitment, training, supervision and ongoing professional development of School Chaplains. This ensures the placement of high quality Chaplains who are well equipped to support young people and strengthen local communities.

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Who is my Chaplain?

Ruth Middleton

Chaplain at West Pennant Hills Public School



We welcome Ruth Middleton serving the West Pennant Hills Public School community. Our Chaplain works alongside the learning and support team to facilitate the wellbeing of our students and their families. Our Chaplain runs approved programs that build children's emotional resilience, personal awareness and social capabilities.

Our Chaplain is a caring and approachable presence in the school, providing a listening ear and a source of comfort and referral for those in a difficult time or in need of a friend.

Our Chaplain is available to meet with students and other members of the school community to provide support and guidance regarding relationships, wellbeing, choices, values and spiritual matters following the written permission from a parent or guardian.

All students and their families are able to make an appointment during the school term. To find out more or to make a referral please contact our Chaplain on the school number or in person.

What does a Chaplain do?

A Chaplain is an additional support for school communities to assist with the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of their students.

Chaplains are able to run specific programs tailored to the needs of the school such as social skills, grief and loss, resilience building and anti-bullying. Chaplains also provide one-on-one care, mentoring and support for students, parents and staff. Chaplains network with the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school.

School Chaplains:

- Work with Learning Support or Welfare Team to facilitate student wellbeing
- Provide pastoral care for students, staff and the wider school community
- Facilitate small group programs and one-on-one meetings with students
- Facilitate lunch time activities to assist students in building healthy relationships
- Network with welfare services, local churches and other agencies in the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school
- Facilitate groups, events and activities to support spiritual wellbeing with voluntary student participation
- Build mentoring relationships and assist students with goal setting
- Support staff at school camps, excursions and other activities as required

Chaplains make a difference

"Our Chaplain fills the gap in our school that no one else does. Her role is unique and makes our school a better place for students, parents and teachers."

Bateau Bay Public School Principal

"When my child was experiencing friendship issues at school our Chaplain ran a lunch time group to help talk through the issues and restore relationships."

Parent

"It's great to have a Chaplain at school. It's like talking to a friend, but very helpful."

Student

