SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Student Participation:
Students may be referred to the school chaplain via the school’s Administration or Student Services Team. Students can also self-refer to access chaplaincy services by asking the teacher or administration staff. Alternatively you can drop in and make an appointment with me anytime I am here.

Parental permission is required for ongoing, individual meetings with the school chaplain. Parental consent is not required for infrequent meetings or group programs. Parental consent is however required for any specific programs with religious or spiritual content.

I am currently located on the second level of A Block, next to the Guidance Officer. This is a voluntary service and all pastoral care is based within the Confidentiality agreement under Education Queensland.

Current Programs implemented by our Chappy:

Starfish Club:
This is an initiative that aims at providing a place where students can escape to at break times and engage in structured play. I believe that every person needs a place where they can feel safe, accepted and be themselves. This program promotes new friendships, stimulating and respectful teamwork and social skills whilst being in a fun environment. This program will be running every Wednesday and Thursday first break.

Go N Run:
Every Wednesday and Thursday from 8am – 8:30am at the top oval, we will be continuing the Go N Run program. This program is a healthy initiative where the school community can get involved in promoting Chaplaincy within the school.

There are numerous other programs and initiatives that the chaplaincy Service at Benowa will engage in, including mentoring programs for boys and girls, operation Christmas appeal and Friends for Life Social Skills and Resilience Program.

How can you get involved?
If you would like to support chaplaincy – you can! We are always looking for volunteers and financial support to help deliver the best in programs and support for staff and students. I would love to hear from you.

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“Bringing HOPE to a young generation”
Religious & Spiritual Content:
When delivering services under the program, school chaplains must adhere to the Program Guidelines and the Code of Conduct. Services provided during Program must not include:
• providing religious education
• attempting to convert students to a religion or set of beliefs

Complaints Management:
As the School Principal has an overall duty of care and is ultimately responsible for all students and staff within the school setting, all complaints about the school chaplain or the chaplaincy program should be directed to the School Principal, in the first instance.

All attempts should be made to resolve complaints at the local level. However, if a complaint cannot be resolved at the school level, or if a complainant does not wish to address their complaint to the School Principal they may be made directly to the Department by one of the following options:
• completing the complaint reporting form available at the Program website: www.deewr.gov.au/schoolchaplaincyandwelfare
• emailing – schoolchaplaincyandwelfarecomplaints@deewr.gov.au
• posting to: NSCSWP - Program Manager GPO Box 9880 ADELAIDE SA 5001
• telephoning the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program Hotline on 1300 363 079.

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