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CHAPLAINCY

Helping schools meet their wellbeing and educational goals

Your School Chaplaincy Service

We are delighted to contribute to the success of your school community through the provision of school chaplaincy.

We believe chaplaincy forms a vital part of a school's ability to cater to the holistic needs of a child's education by providing social, emotional and spiritual support to students.

In serving you, we aim to achieve two primary outcomes:

(1) That your school chaplaincy service will be highly valued within the school community for the profound and positive impact it has for students; and

(2) That our service to you, and in support of the chaplain, will meet your highest expectations. We are committed to working cooperatively with you to see these outcomes.

Nationally, SU has been Australia's leading and most trusted provider of chaplaincy services for more than 28 years. We are committed to continuing to provide the highest quality service to your school.

It is why we will value your feedback about our service at all times.

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you in serving your school community.

Yours faithfully,



Kent Morgan
SU Western Australia CEO

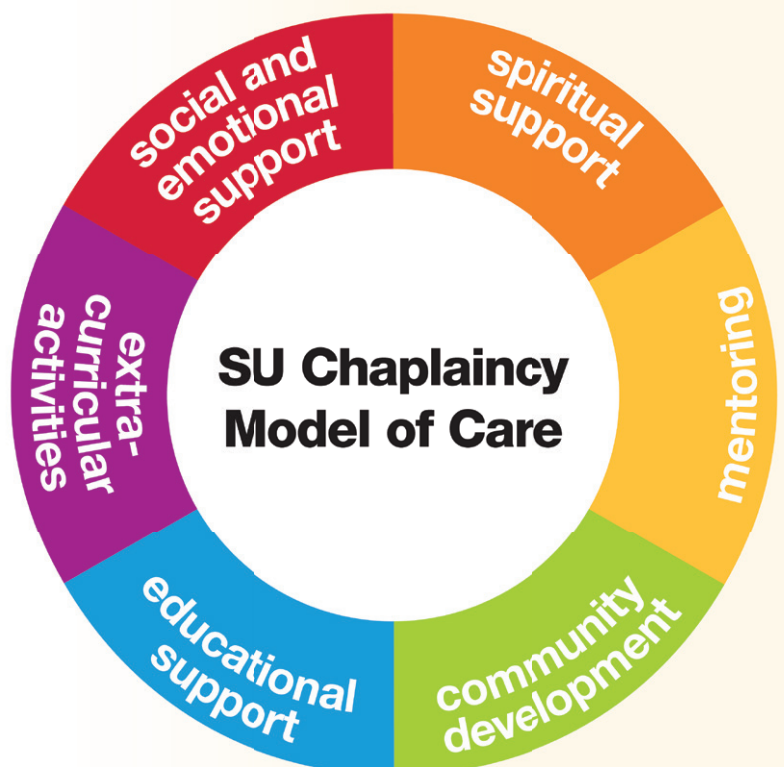
Our Commitment to Your Goals

SU Chaplaincy is committed to promoting the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of students through role modelling, mentoring, pastoral care and structured programs.

These dimensions of care enhance a school's overall wellbeing strategy and contribute to the achievement of educational goals. As research shows, well-supported students are more engaged in their studies and do better at school.



[Durlak, Weissberg, Dymnicki, Taylor & Schellinger (2011), Rothman & McMillan (2003)]
[Diekstra, Sklad, Gravestijn, Ben & Ritter (2008)] [Department of Education and Training. (2015). Learning and Wellbeing Framework. Retrieved from det.qld.gov.au/initiatives/learningandwellbeing/resources/learning-and-wellbeing-framework.pdf]



School Chaplaincy Promotes Positive Wellbeing

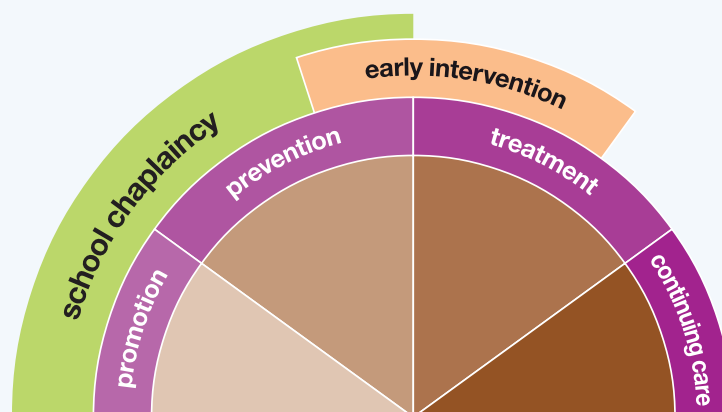
SU Chaplaincy complements the work done by other school-based support staff through operating in the 'promotion, prevention and early intervention' (PPEI) space with students, rather than the 'treatment and continuing care' space inhabited by many other helping professionals.

Pastoral Conversations

The one-on-one interactions school chaplains have with students are best characterised as role modelling, mentoring and pastoral care. School chaplains do not provide counselling or case management services to students. Students talk to school chaplains about peer issues, bullying, school behaviour, family issues and wellbeing concerns. Issues that are more complex and serious are referred on to other professionals and specialists.

Structured Programs

School chaplains engage students in a range of structured activities that promote social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing. Many school chaplains are trained and equipped to facilitate well regarded, evidence-based programs like Rock and Water, Friends, and Seasons for Growth.



spectrum of mental health intervention

FIGURE 1: In mental health terms, school chaplaincy works towards the promotion of protective factors, the prevention of risk factors and, together with a school's pastoral care team, early intervention for children and young people considered 'at-risk' of school disengagement, mental health problems and other wellbeing issues.

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Professional

All SU Chaplaincy school chaplains meet or exceed the government qualification standards, and are committed to continuous improvement through regular professional coaching, supervision and development.

Our Model of Care

SU Chaplaincy realises its commitment to promoting social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing through our model of care.

School chaplains focus their work around six role elements to provide developmentally appropriate care and support to students, families and school staff. All chaplains are appropriately qualified to carry out these roles, using their expertise and experience to tailor the role to school needs.

School chaplains complement the work of existing school-based support staff through:

Social & Emotional Support

Chaplains provide proactive programs and pastoral care for students, staff and parents. They help grow resilience and a positive and safe school environment, looking out for those in need. They

support students and the school community through bereavement, family breakdown, peer relationships and other difficulties such as bullying, depression and suicide.

Spiritual Support

Chaplains provide an additional dimension to a school's care by supporting the spiritual needs of students, regardless of their faith or beliefs. For students who seek it, chaplains can help them explore their worldview in relation to spirituality, values and ethics in a safe and respectful environment.

Educational Support

Chaplains support the learning environment through classroom activities (under the direction of the teacher) and other structured programs in order to provide further social, emotional or spiritual support, particularly with students at risk of disengagement.

Extra-curricular Activities

Chaplains participate in general school activities including camps, excursions, sports days or coaching team sports, adding value to everyday school life.

Mentoring

Chaplains act as role models for students, assisting them to develop positive and supportive relationships. Chaplains may also implement mentoring programs, utilising resources and volunteers from the local community.

Community Development

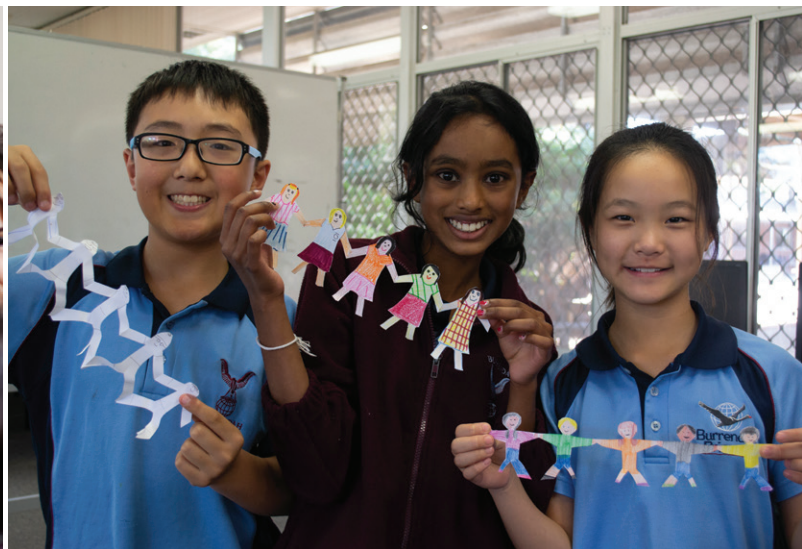
Chaplains help to build strong links between the school and the wider community. They network with school-based support staff, community based organisations, churches and other networks to mobilise the resources of the community to support student needs.



We have strong partnerships in the community

We partner with your local community to serve your school:

- Community business partnerships
- Local government support
- Other not-for-profits (eg. Rotary Clubs)
- Churches
- Local Support Group (LSG) and other community representatives
- Volunteers
- Mentors
- Youth leaders
- Intergenerational connections



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