

Owen Primary School Pastoral Care Worker.

Chaplaincy is a well-accepted and valued pastoral care model in many parts of society (eg defence forces, sports, industry, hospitals).

The Chaplaincy Service at this school is provided by a Pastoral Care Worker, on behalf of the local combined Christian community, employed by the Schools Ministry Group (SMG).

The Chaplaincy service is funded by the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP), administered by DECD SA, with additional contribution from the local church community.

The aim of this service is to offer pastoral support to students, staff and the school community.

Our Pastoral Care Worker supports our school community in the following ways:

- Working closely and in partnership with principal and staff to provide pastoral care and practical support to students, families and staff as requested,
- Providing pastoral care in a 'first response' capacity to critical incidents, referring to specialist support, and providing an ongoing presence and follow up,
- Being well positioned to work across the whole school to ' build a sense of ' community, harmony and cohesion,
- Being trained and equipped to provide our school with a unique dimension of social, emotional and spiritual support in line with the DECD well-being framework.

Chaplaincy services promote students wellbeing, engaging young people in activities that are preventative and which support early intervention and referral of mental health issues.