Christian Pastoral Support Worker

In a Government School, the Christian Pastoral Support Program is primarily a service of pastoral care for students and their families, who want this support. CPSW’s are not in the school to evangelise on behalf of a particular faith group. Their role requires them to respect both the secular character of the Government School and the variety of thoughts and beliefs within the school community.

As a Christian presence in the school, the CPSW represents and encourages key Christian values, and celebrates the diversity of Christianity.

The CPSW is jointly accountable to the Department of Education and Child Development through the School Principal, and the Hallett Cove Inter-church Council.

Bek is employed for 15 hours a week by the Hallett Cove Inter-Church Council through the Federal Government’s national School Chaplaincy Programme, and with the support of the local Christian Churches.

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Christian Pastoral Support Worker
(CPSW - formally known as Chaplain)

Bek is a woman of many hats.

The CPSW hat: She has been a CPSW for 3 years and is currently the CPSW at Aberfoyle High School along with her position at Hallett Cove East.

The Uni hat: Bek is part way through a Bachelor of Social Science: Youth Work. She studies at Tabor Adelaide.

The Green Team hat: Bek is a volunteer for the ‘Green Team’ – a group of volunteers that host the Schoolies Festival in Victor Harbour and who also add a supportive presence in the city on the weekends.

The Music hat: Bek is a musician and singer and she is currently the Music Director at her local church.

Bek loves working with children and young people, seeing them grow and seeing them reach their potential.

For the last 15 years Bek has attended C3 Church Marion, where she has been involved in youth ministry, small groups, the music team and senior leadership.

Bek is looking forward to meeting all the students and their families so please don’t be shy – come and introduce yourself!

Bek will be at school on:
Wednesdays 8:00am to 4:00pm
Thursdays 8:00am to 4:00pm

Contact Bek by phoning the front office 8322 3677 to make an appointment, or leave a message at the front office or in the resource centre in “Bek’s Mailbox”.

Bek’s involvement in the school as the Christian Pastoral Support Worker (CPSW) includes:

 working in co-operation with the Principal, Deputy Principal, staff and teachers to support the students
 being available to students as a listener, friend and carer
 encouraging and supporting staff
 providing support for families in times of needs
 involvement in camps and excursions
 providing a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches
 organising and supervising lunchtime activities
 being a resource and referral person for students, families and staff
 working with others in the school community to develop services, programmes and strategies that meet the needs of students
 further build the school’s key directions to ensure “students feel safe happy and confident within a positive and caring environment.”