#### WHAT IS A CHAPLAINCY SERVICE?

A Chaplaincy Service is provided by a Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) in a school community on behalf of the local combined Christian community to provide additional support as needed.



#### Pastoral Care Workers

- Provide pastoral care in a 'first response' capacity to critical incidents, refer to specialist support and to provide ongoing presence and follow-up
- Work closely and in partnership with leadership and other wellbeing staff in schools to provide pastoral care and practical support to students, families and staff as requested
- Are well positioned to work across the whole school to 'build a sense of' community, harmony and cohesion
- Are trained and equipped to provide their school with a unique dimension of social, emotional and spiritual support in line with the DECD wellbeing framework

#### **Partnerships**

Your local school and your local church work together to provide your Pastoral Care Worker.



#### WHY A CHAPLAINCY SERVICE?

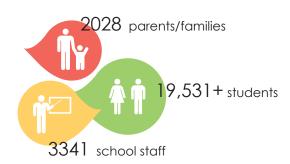
#### The Facts

Students today face a more complex and challenging environment than ever before.

- 15% of young Australians are currently experiencing an anxiety condition
- Bullying is the leading social issue among SA students
- Just under half of all divorces occur among couples with children under 18
- 15% of SA students miss out on breakfast

source: ABS Statistics collected 2007, 2013

Support in SA Schools: Outcomes from a 2014 Survey



Figures based on results from 20 day survey

#### Grief & Loss

# FUNERALS 121 MEMORIALS 28 FAMILY DEATHS 712 STAFF & STUDENT DEATHS 9

#### Other Activities

Mentoring
Healthy Eating\*
Support for Parents
Suicide Prevention
Anti-Bullying\*

Figures based on 5 monthly overview / \*PCW's address the top two social issues expressed by students in the 2013 ABS Census of School



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## PASTORAL CARE WORKER: JOEY TRAEGER



As the School Pastoral Care Worker, I am available in the yard at break times, I work alongside teachers and students in the classroom, and I am an extra resource to teachers to support extra-curricular events and

activities. I also provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, playing board games and being a little bit crafty. I also volunteer on youth camps during the school holidays, and I help out at the discos that my church holds for local primary school students. I am passionate about helping people, particularly children, and I'm so delighted to have the opportunity to serve this school community.

I am excited to get to know the entire school community, so if you see me around the school please come and introduce yourself.

#### My regular days at school are:

Monday and Tuesday

#### Contact Details:

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#### CHAPLAINCY & WELLBEING

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



#### PRINCIPALS ARE SAYING...

The benefits of the program are clear and include: increased attendance at school by identified students, social and emotional support, increased access to social skills programs and families feeling supported in time of crisis such as suicide, death and family separations.

#### **Primary School Principal**

A lot of student problems never eventuate because Trev has provided support and encouragement early on. The students always walk away from their time with him with more bounce in their step....It is hard to imagine our school without thinking of our Worker.

**High School Principal** 



Supporting School Communities Across South Australia

#### Schools Ministry Group (SMG) coordinate and facilitate Chaplaincy Services in government schools across South Australia.

- School Chaplaincy commenced in SA Government schools in 1986.
- SMG partners with schools, local churches, state and federal governments to deliver Chaplaincy Services through the engagement of a Pastoral Care Worker.
- SMG works collaboratively with these partners in the recruitment, supervision and ongoing professional development of PCW's to ensure the placement of high quality workers who are well equipped to support young people and strengthen communities.
- Pastoral Care Workers are funded from two main. sources - the National School Chaplaincy Program (administered by DECD) and the local church communities.
- The Chaplaincy Service provided through your PCW is a voluntary program offered to school communities.







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## **HALLETT COVE EAST** PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **OUR PASTORAL** CARE WORKER

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