

Role of our Chaplain

The role of a state school Chaplain is to provide optional pastoral care to support the general wellbeing of students and the school community. Activities provided by the chaplain are at the discretion of the school principal, with the support of the school community.

Chaplains must be able to provide support for a range of day-to-day matters affecting the school community and communicate effectively with diverse groups of people. While chaplains personally model their own Christian beliefs, they avoid any claims that any one religion, denomination or worldview is superior to any other religion, denomination or worldview.

Chaplains may be involved in any of the following:

- **Social and/or emotional support** — assisting students to develop knowledge, understanding and skills that support learning, positive behaviour and constructive social relationships (e.g. through values based education lessons)
- **General wellbeing** — supporting students and staff by promoting their physical, emotional, social and intellectual wellbeing (e.g. Group Challenges or mindfulness activities).
- **Mentoring** — acting as a role model for students and assisting in the development of supportive relationships for, with, and among students (e.g. one-on-one meetings or goal planning workshops).
- **Community development** — working with school-based support staff and community-based youth organisations and networks to support students for example: contributing to school newsletters, providing updates to school community organisations, arranging guest speakers or presenters (with school principal approval).
- **Extra-curricular activities** — participating in general school activities e.g. camps, excursions, sports days or team sports.



Rossville State School

Student Participation Agreement

Chaplaincy Program



Rossville State School provides a chaplaincy program endorsed by the school's Parents and Citizens' Association. This program is available to all students on a voluntary basis. Information to support our school chaplaincy program can be found at <https://suchaplaincy.org.au/about-us/>.

School Chaplains work holistically to promote wellbeing in schools. They contribute to the overall wellbeing strategies and educational goals of our local schools. At Rossville State School the chaplain provides a range of activities designed to support social and emotional development and pastoral support. These activities are free of religious or spiritual content.

Please complete the following information:

Student Name _____

Student Date of Birth _____

☐ I **consent** to my student participating in the school's chaplaincy program

☐ I **do not consent** to my student participating in the school's chaplaincy program

Parent Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

** This consent will continue for the duration of the student's current enrolment at Rossville State School. Consent can be withdrawn at any time by completing a new agreement.*