Chaplaincy Services provide spiritual, ethical, and personal support to school communities. SU Qld Chaplains provide positive adult role models for students. Chaplains are present in schools at the invitation of the Principal, in consultation with the local community, and with the support of the P&C Association.

What does a School Chaplain do?

A School Chaplain is a safe person for young people to connect with at school and provides a listening ear, caring presence, and a message of hope. Chaplains run positive, fun activities for students and assist in fostering supportive, caring school communities.

Working with other members of the school’s support team, the Chaplain cares for students struggling with issues such as difficult relationships with other children or family members, poor self-esteem, family breakdown, and depression.

The partnership between the school and the Chaplaincy Service, supported by local churches, businesses and community organisations, provides a network of local support and assistance. These positive relationships help young people to face difficult issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning, and purpose.

The Chaplaincy Service is available to everyone in the school community regardless of their religious beliefs.

Who is the Rossville School Chaplain?

David Kamholtz, Chappy, services 4 schools in our Cluster. He has been a Chaplain for 8 years, qualified with a Diploma in Youth Work, a Bachelor in Information Technology, certified as an Action Based Learning Facilitator and a Drumbeat Facilitator. Chappy is married to Emily Kamholtz and is kept busy with their three young children. He is an outdoorsman and enjoys running a hobby orchard and chasing Barramundi any moment he can.

What does Chaplaincy look like at Rossville State School?

Chappy assists with sporting and cultural programs, attends school camps, assists in classrooms, runs programmes that help students develop social and life skills such as the Unlimited Leadership Program and Drumbeat. Students may request to see me on an individual basis for support in personal matters.

Will my child be involved?

Involvement with the Chaplain is entirely voluntary and students choose whether or not they want to be a part of the activities that are offered. Parents will be consulted if their child wishes to be involved in ongoing one-to-one meetings with the Chaplain or in any programme or group involving spiritual or ethical content. Parents have the right to refuse permission for their child to be involved in any Chaplaincy activity or event.

How can I contact the Chaplain?

Chappy visits Rossville School every Tuesday. He may be contacted via the School Office.