

Funding

As a school, we applied for and were successful in obtaining a grant via the state funded Chaplaincy program 2020. This funding allows the school to provide a chaplain two days per week. The program is funded via 50% State Government and 50% Commonwealth funding. The service provider (The Department of Education) has an agreement with the YouthCARE Chaplaincy Program.

Questions

If you have any questions please Don't hesitate to contact Heathridge Primary School on 9233 8950.



School Chaplain

**HEATHRIDGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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The Chaplain's Role

Our Chaplain, Shaye, supports the social and emotional well being of the students, staff and families in the Heathridge PS community.

What the Chaplain does:

- Provides one-on-one and group support and encouragement as required.
- Spends time in the playground and classrooms building positive relationships with students.
- Accepts, respects and is sensitive to the views, values and beliefs of all members of the Heathridge Primary School community.

Accessing Support

Accessing the chaplain can be initiated by a teacher, student or parent.

Should a teacher identify that a child could benefit from additional support or encouragement, they would ask the child if they would like to speak to the chaplain and then arrange a convenient time.

A student may request a one-on-one chat with the chaplain. If this needs to happen during class time the teacher will be consulted.

Should you not wish your child to interact with, or receive support from the chaplain, please request, complete and return an opt-out form from the School Office.

Alternatively, parents may contact the Chaplain directly on:

Shaye.Willmans@youthcare.org.au

or come in to the school and have a chat. Alternatively, leave your name and number at the front office and she will make contact with you.

Programs

- Harmony Hub (Years 3-6) is a Wednesday lunchtime initiative giving children a fun, calm and inclusive alternative to the playground. It is held in the Wellness Room. We have lots of games, puzzles, a creative drawing and colouring zone, dress ups as well as other activities and crafts.
- A variety of small group programs are run as required, which focus on resilience, friendships and wellbeing.
- Our chaplain also plays a role in mental wellness days such as 'Harmony Day' and 'R U OK Day' which increase awareness of important and prevalent issues in our community.

All programs and initiatives are in consultation with the school Principal.