

**National Schools Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program  
St Joseph's Parish Schools**



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Working in consultation with the Principal, teachers and the wider school community members, the aims of the services of the Student Welfare Worker are to support the spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of students.

Services operating at St Joseph's Primary school which are funded under the National School Chaplaincy Student Welfare Program include Seasons For Growth and in addition to the funded program the role also services school-based programs such as Mini Vinnies, Community out-reach, Making Jesus Real, School Mass and Liturgies.

By working with school support services such as Learning Support, counsellors, psychologists, teachers and the School Chaplain, Fr Michael, services provided by the Student Welfare Worker contribute to a supportive, safe and inclusive learning environment.,

School participation in the National School Chaplaincy Student Welfare Program is voluntary. St Joseph's Primary School in conjunction with the wider school community applied for funding for this role and was successful in their application. It is not compulsory for students to participate in any programs funded under the NSCSWP and parents can withdraw their child from these programs at any time. A parent consent form is required to take part in any funded program, and can be obtained from the Student Welfare Worker. Parent wishing to meet with the Student Welfare Worker are encouraged to phone the school to make an appointment.

Reviews of the NSCSWP are conducted annually. As part of the review process the role of Student Welfare Worker and the services provided are discussed at parent forums with the aim to review and confirm the support of the school community for the Program. In addition to this, School Principals within the three Parish Schools meet annually to discuss the outcomes of school community consultation to determine the nature of the service required in the school community and develop and maintain an ongoing Risk Management Plan.

If parents or any other community members have a concern with the program they should contact the Principal immediately.

Further information can be obtained from the National School Chaplaincy & Student Welfare Program website.

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