



Chaplaincy

At St Andrews Christian College we highly value the provision of a Chaplaincy service to the school community for two days a week. Our School Chaplains are part of our Student Wellbeing Program. **Our School Chaplains are also available to work with students and families on a specific needs basis as outlined below.**

Who and for what purpose may specific support be required?

The Chaplain is available to work with students and families with changes and challenges they may be experiencing in their lives such as:

- the loss of a loved one
- family separation
- dealing with illness
- friendships
- self-esteem
- dealing with conflict
- anxiety
- depression
- anger

The Chaplain can work with parents or children separately, parent and child together or family units depending on the needs. The Chaplain will also work with smaller groups of students for targeted purposes e.g. managing friendships.

How is Student and Family Support identified?

- Support on an individual, family or small group can be initiated by a student approaching their class teacher, the Chaplain or Deputy Principal
- Support can be initiated by a parent/guardian
- On-going support continues as scheduled by the Chaplain on a needs basis

Student Wellbeing Groups

The School Chaplains provide opportunities for a range of group based supports according to community need. The types of programs that are undertaken include:

- Friendship Groups
- Targeted student groups responding to student/family needs
- Outsourced programs available through the community

Note: Parents are contacted in writing about the details of these offerings.

All students will be involved in whole class discussions with the Chaplain at certain times, but **if you do not want your child to access the counselling services of our Chaplaincy Program, please submit the OPT OUT FORM.**

Confidentiality, security and communication of information

Our Chaplains provide a confidential and unbiased service to support all people. Anything discussed or noted is kept highly confidential and secure. Parents are notified of any discussions their child has with the Chaplain when it is deemed necessary.

Under Child Protection Laws we are mandated to report any incidences to authorities where children's safety is of concern.



FORM TO OPT OUT OF CHAPLAINCY COUNSELLING SERVICES

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT FORM IF YOU DO **NOT** GIVE PERMISSION FOR YOUR CHILD TO HAVE ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS WITH THE SCHOOL CHAPLAINS

(Please return COMPLETED form for each child at school)

Student Name: _____

Student Year Level: _____

I do not wish for my child to access Chaplaincy Counselling Services:

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____