Glenmore State School's Chaplaincy Service

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 school 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 provide 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 Glenmore's School Chaplain
The school chaplain for Glenmore State School is Dan Gordon. Dan is at the school on Mondays and Thursdays.

What does the Chaplaincy look like at Glenmore State School?
As the Chaplain, Dan will be part of school activities, be getting to know the children at the school and supporting the teachers, students and wider school community. She will assist in the classrooms, be involved in school camps, sporting and cultural programs, run lunchtime activities and help students with social and life skills.
Students may request to see the chaplain in an individual basis for support in personal matters. Parental consent forms will be needed for these support sessions.

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
Dan Gordon is available on Mondays and Thursdays and can be contacted through the school office on 4923 0666.
Chaplaincy and student welfare services

Form 1: Consent form
(Schools may determine the format of written consent)

School: Glenmore State School

Parent name/s
Student name (in full)
Student year level
Year 2016

This school community provides a Chaplaincy service which is endorsed by the school's Parents and Citizens' Association and is made available on a voluntary basis to all students. Information about the service is available on the school's website and through newsletters.

_________________________ has accessed the School Chaplain, and has indicated interest in meeting individually with them on a regular or ongoing basis. For this to occur, written informed consent is required.

The focus of these meetings will be determined by the student's need, however chaplains/student welfare workers are not allowed to provide counselling, evangelise or proselytise, advocate for or denigrate a particular worldview or faith.

In order to ensure coordinated case management of student support, each referral that a chaplain or student welfare worker makes to an external agency requires the explicit approval of the school's principal, deputy principal or guidance officer.

Consent provided on this form will be considered valid for the duration of the Chaplains involvement in supporting the student, unless this period is more than one (1) school year, in which case consent will be requested at the start of the following school year. Information on this form will be stored securely.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact myself, on 4923 0666 or the school chaplain, Dan Gordan, via the school office on Mondays and Thursdays here at Glenmore.

Yours sincerely

Mark Dunlop

Please indicate whether you consent to these ongoing individual meetings.

☐ I consent to the (student named above) meeting with the Chaplain.
☐ I do not consent to the student named above meeting with the Chaplain.

Parent's/Student Signature: __________________________ Date: __________

Office Use:

Retain original in the student's file and provide a copy of notice to the chaplain/student welfare worker.

| Does the student/parent require an interpreter? | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |
| Has an interpreter been used to explain this information? | Yes ☐ | No ☐ |

Privacy statement
The Department of Education and Training is collecting student's personal information in order to determine student participation in chaplaincy and student welfare services at the school.


The department and the chaplain/student welfare worker will only use and disclose the student's personal information in accordance with this provision.