

St Joseph's School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: School Chaplaincy Service

As part of the school's commitment to student health and well-being, a chaplaincy service is available for students to access on Wednesdays. Cathie Creswell, the school chaplain, is available throughout the day and students are able to request to see her at any time. Reasons for accessing the chaplaincy service may vary such as friendship concerns, academic struggles, personal worries, emotional difficulties or issues which are affecting them at home.

From time to time the school may request for the chaplain to speak with a group of students as part of the curriculum, such as Social and Emotional Learning or Protective Behaviours, or regarding other school related issues. Students are given the option to participate, however parents may not always be informed prior to these group discussions. If you <u>do not</u> wish for your child to be involved in any group discussions, please inform the school in writing (see below) by Monday 20th May 2019.

Further to the chaplaincy service, students who have more complex needs can also access the school counselling service. Access to this service is upon request from parents, and a permission slip will need to be signed by the parent and a parent interview conducted prior to the child accessing the counselling service. This would involve a parent speaking with the child's teacher, admin staff or by calling Cathie Creswell on 97826500.

If you have any questions regarding these services, please do not hesitate to contact the school administration. Thank you.

| Yours sincerely, | |
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| Travis Bienkowski Principal | |
| 1 | do not give permission for my child/ren in |
| grade | to access or be involved in the school's chaplaincy service. |
| Signed | Date |