



Christian Pastoral Support Worker Informed Consent

Our school has on its staff a CPS (Christian Pastoral Support) Worker

Their role is to:

- pastorally support the school in its aim to be a safe and supportive learning environment and so the CPS Worker contributes through involvement in a range of activities such as camps, excursions, and lunchtime groups, and can provide support to individual students with the consent of their parent/s (see below)
- To link families to community resources and services by providing information about support and services provided through community groups, including church groups.

Currently our CPS Worker is available on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday during school hours.

The CPS Worker does not promote nor discriminate on the grounds of any particular ideology, but works to provide a supportive, inclusive and caring learning environment within the school for all students. The CPS Worker's desk is located in the Teacher Preparation Room and can be contacted by phoning the Front Office.

For more information please contact the school.

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Consent Required

Background

For many years Christian Pastoral Support Workers, previously known as Chaplains, have worked in a number of South Australian Government Schools. These workers are employed and funded by the local Christian Ministers Association, local Interchurch Council or an ecumenical Christian group and operate with the knowledge and support of the local clergy. Their work is framed by an agreement between DECS and the Heads of Churches Schools Ministry Coordinating Group (SMG).

As you will be aware, as a result of the current government's strong commitment to Child Protection, much more stringent conditions of appointment and workplace processes now apply to all adults working with children. The current agreement in relation to the Christian Pastoral Support Program reflects this and requires that students must have written informed parental consent before obtaining individual, personal assistance from a person working in the school's Christian Pastoral Support Program.

Consent for my child to work with the Christian Pastoral Support Worker

Parents are asked to complete this form with you child's name, tick Yes or No below, sign the form, and return it to the school with the other enrolment forms.

Student's Name:

YES I give consent for my child to seek and obtain individual personal assistance from the Christian Pastoral Support Worker at Ridgehaven Primary School.

I understand that teachers retain over-riding duty of care for students in such circumstances. Therefore the CPSW is required to confidentially inform teaching staff of all matters related to duty of care and student learning, health and wellbeing and will ensure my child is aware of the scope and limits of privacy and confidentiality in any conversation at which a teacher is not present. I am aware too that the CPSW is a mandated notifier in relation to child protection.

NO I do not give consent for my child to seek and obtain individual personal assistance from the Christian Pastoral Support Worker at Ridgehaven Primary School.

I understand I can change this consent in writing to the Principal at any time.

Parent's Signature:

Date: