

# School Website Chaplaincy Information

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 schools 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 provides 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 Mundoo State School Chaplain?

Mundoo State School are very fortunate to have Rose Spann as our school Chaplain. Rose commenced her position at Mundoo in June 2013. Rose has been working as a school chaplain in the local area for a significant period of time at Flying Fish Point State School.

#### What will Chaplaincy look like at Mundoo State School in 2014?

During 2014 Rose will assist with sporting and cultural programs, attend school camps, assist in classrooms, run programmes that help students develop social and life skills, and run a lunchtime interest club. Students may request to see me on an individual basis for support in personal matters. If your child wishes to see me on an individual basis for support, parents and carers will be contacted as parental consent forms will be required to be signed.

#### 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?

Rose works at Mundoo State School on Monday's and Thursday's. She often makes herself available at P&C Meetings. If you wish to meet with Rose you can contact the school to make an appointment.