Supporting young people and strengthening school communities

The Facts
Students today face a more complex and challenging environment than ever before.

- One in six young Australians is currently experiencing an anxiety condition
- Current trends suggest that one in three marriages will end in divorce and just under half of all divorces occur among couples with children under 18 years old
- 20% of young people feel that they have no where to go for advice and support

The above findings were from Mission Australia Youth Survey 2013 "Report for National Families Week 2011, Australian Institute of Family Studies

Educational Benefits of a Chaplain

The Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians in 2008 states:

“Schools play a vital role in promoting the intellectual, physical, social, emotional, moral, spiritual and aesthetic development and wellbeing of young Australians”

Chaplains assist schools in this vital role through the provision of holistic pastoral care for students.

Chaplains can also assist students to develop the general capabilities necessary for success as outlined in the National Curriculum:

- Personal and social capability
- Ethical understanding
- Intercultural understanding

Generate is the premier provider of School Chaplains in NSW, managing over 150 Federal Government Funded School Chaplaincies. Generate partners with schools in the recruitment, training, supervision and ongoing professional development of School Chaplains. This ensures the placement of high quality Chaplains who are well equipped to support young people and strengthen local communities.

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What is a School Chaplain?

A Chaplain is an additional support for school communities to assist with the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of their students.

Chaplains are able to run specific programs tailored to the needs of the school such as grief and loss, resilience building and anti-bullying. Chaplains also provide one-on-one care, mentoring and support for students, parents and staff. Chaplains network with the local community to provide a broad range of support services to the school.

Generate is an approved Chaplaincy service provider to NSW Government Schools. Generate Chaplains are trained, competent professionals who operate under Commonwealth Department of Education guidelines. Our Chaplains are jointly selected and supervised by their schools and Generate.

Chaplaincy and Wellbeing

School Chaplaincy promotes student wellbeing, engaging young people in activities that are preventative and which support early intervention and referral of mental health issues.

Spectrum of mental health intervention

Outcomes

From recent university study among school teaching staff including principals*:

- 96% supported the work of school Chaplains and valued their involvement in the support services team
- 82% indicated that the social and emotional support provided by school Chaplains had a considerable positive impact
- 80% responded that students from culturally and linguistically diverse communities were assisted
- 81% concluded that students who were experiencing grief and loss or facing relationship difficulties were helped

* A 30 month longitudinal study of School Chaplaincy by the Research Centre for Vulnerable Children and Families at the University of Western Australia, led by Associate Professor Maria Harries OA

What do School Principals have to say

“Our Chaplain is able to contribute and support students in ways that we are simply not able to, given the constraint of time and resources particularly with students’ social and emotional wellbeing.”

Principal, Woolooware Public School
Sutherland Shire NSW

“Our Chaplain fills the gap in our school that no one else does. Her role is unique and makes our school a better place for students, parents and teachers.”

Principal, Bateau Bay Public School
Central Coast NSW

“The Chaplaincy program has been a valuable addition to life at Wyndham College. The program has given students and staff a place to go for help and assistance with a range of pastoral care needs.”

Deputy Principal, Wyndham College
Western Sydney NSW

Applying for a Chaplain

1. Register your school’s interest on www.chaplain.org.au or call 02 8268 3328
2. You will be contacted by your Generate Regional Chaplaincy Manager
3. A team member will meet with you to discuss how a Chaplain can work within your school
4. You will be assisted in the school Chaplaincy funding application process