



KARDINYA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Learning for Life

# **SCHOOL CHAPLAIN POLICY (Health & Wellbeing Officer)**

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## **PREAMBLE**

At Kardinya Primary School we follow a philosophy of providing pastoral care for our students to support them to achieve their potential, both academically and in their social and family lives. Working with our Health and Well-Being Committee, chaplaincy is an important part of our strategy. Chaplains support the emotional wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the emotional wellbeing of the broader school community. They work closely with wellbeing and allied health staff in schools to support students and their educational outcomes, staff, families and the wider school community.

## **onPSYCH CHAPLAINCY**

Kardinya Primary School's Chaplain Service is provided by onPsych Chaplaincy and complements our many existing pastoral care programs. The program aims to support the mental, emotional, social, and intellectual development of students and the needs of their educators and caregivers. The chaplain provides emotional support and helps students deal with a range of issues including bullying, peer relationships, illness and family breakdown. They provide a supportive environment, irrespective of an individual's faith or cultural background.

## **WHAT DOES THE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN (Health & Wellbeing Officer) DO?**

- Listens compassionately and cares for each student
- Provides pastoral care for students, staff and families
- Assists and supports at school events
- Visits and helps in classrooms
- Organises lunchtime groups or activities to support the social and emotional wellbeing of students
- Provides playground support and social skills facilitation
- Facilitates pastoral support programs (e.g., Rainbows) and resources
- Supports, mentors and encourages the school community
- Makes referrals to external agencies where necessary and
- Encourages and empowers students and the school community for a positive outcome.

## **REFERRALS**

Parents or teachers may request that a student receives support from the chaplain. Students may also request to see the chaplain by asking their teacher or putting their name in the 'Chaplain Box'. Although the school strongly supports the chaplain, we understand that parents may have objections to their children interacting with or accessing the services of a chaplain.

OnPsych Chaplaincy is an 'Opt Out' program. If parents do not wish for their child to have one-on-one sessions with the Chaplain, they can opt out at the beginning of the year or at any point by signing the Chaplaincy 'Opt Out' Form. If parents wish to be notified that their child has asked for chaplain support, they can tick the appropriate box on the 'Opt Out' form.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The content of the Chaplain's records are confidential. Only those persons legitimately involved in the process are informed of the nature of the information. Suspected or reports of child abuse must be reported to the Principal according to the Department of Education's Child Protection Policy.