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National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program

Chaplains have been engaged at both Emmanuel Christian School and Calvin Christian School. The chaplains – Anna Gregory at Emmanuel and Marty Prins at Calvin – are funded in their chaplaincy work under the Australian Governments National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program. Other activities undertaken by these staff are outside the scope of the funded program.

The aims of the service are to provide:

- One to one support for students general well-being
- One off group sessions on social and emotional learning
- Assistance to the school community and staff in pastoral care matters

The role of the chaplains within the schools is to support students' general spiritual, social and emotional well-being.

Chaplaincy services are made available in conjunction with other student welfare services available, include counselling, homeroom pastoral care, year co-ordinators and Dean of Students.

Students may arrange one-on-one sessions with chaplains by making an appointment through the office and the School Counsellor.

It should be noted that participation in any chaplaincy service made available to students is voluntary. However, as enrolment of students is based on the understanding that each school is faith based and parents accept that Christian values are essential to the education being provided, the additional consent of parents for students to participate in chaplaincy services is not required. However, parents have the right to opt out of these services on request to the Principal.

Any complaints about chaplains and chaplaincy services can be made to the Principal and follow the usual complaints procedure.

School Councils are asked to consult with school communities about the chaplaincy services being provided, to provide feedback through the Principal on concerns or improvements, and report at least annually on the ongoing support of the school community for the chaplaincy program.

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