

St Mary's Primary School, Rushworth



National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program

The aim of the Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program is to promote and support St Mary's Vision and Mission. The Chaplain and Student/Family Support Worker are the representatives under The National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The Chaplain and Student/Family Support Worker are to provide pastoral support to students and families and foster the experience of Catholic community. The Chaplain and Student/Family Support Worker bear witness to Jesus Christ and support the Catholic ethos of the school.

The Chaplain and Community Partnerships Representative, Ms Jennie Hayes and the Chaplain and Student/Family Support Worker, Ms Kelli Bailey, provide links or referrals with other student wellbeing structures within or outside the school. If you would like your child/ren to access either the Chaplain or the Student/Family Support Worker, please contact the school so this can be arranged.

The Chaplain and Student/Family Support Worker facilitate special programs such as Seasons for Growth, Community Partnerships, Jigsaw and the Garden, Compost, Worm and Co-op Club. These programs are voluntary, they are not compulsory and are a suggested support for students. Families register consent and support for the program at the beginning of the school year. If you do not want your child to participate, please contact the school Principal.

Awareness of The National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program at St Mary's Primary School is provided to parents/carers in the St Mary's newsletter, at School Board and Parents & Friends meetings. At any time you are most welcome to provide written support or otherwise during the year by directing this to the Principal.