



STUDENT WELFARE WORKER

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GYMPIE

The Student Welfare Worker position has been made possible through the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program which is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Our Student Welfare Worker is Karen Holmes.

The Student Welfare Worker works as a member of the school team that provides pastoral support to students. The Student Welfare Worker contributes to the student wellbeing services offered by the school. The role is designed to support the social and emotional wellbeing of students and their families. The role will be enacted differently according to the needs of the specific children and families at the time of implementation

This position aims

- ✚ To contribute to, and promote the development, alignment, attainment and review of the mission and strategic goals for St Patrick's Primary School.
- ✚ To work closely with others to promote student wellbeing, emotional resilience, positive relationships and a sense of community.
- ✚ To collaborate with other role holders such as the Guidance Counsellor, Principal and APRE in supporting the faith, spiritual and pastoral needs of students (*where appropriate).
- ✚ To provide students, their families and staff with appropriate referrals in difficult situations such as during times of grief or when students are facing personal or emotional challenges.
- ✚ To promote positive partnerships within and beyond the school community.

Our Student Welfare Worker operates as part of a team that provides pastoral support to students.

At all times, the Student Welfare Worker acts in accordance with the Student Protection Guidelines and Staff Code of Conduct pertaining to Brisbane Catholic Education. It is vital that the Chaplain/Student Welfare Worker exercise judicious and prudent judgement in responding to the needs of students and their families and in relating to students pastorally.

Student Welfare Workers must adhere to the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program Guidelines and Code of Conduct.

Our St Pat's Student Welfare Worker

Contributes to, and promotes the development, alignment, attainment and review of the mission and strategic goals for St Patrick's Primary School.

- Contributes to the vision and the mission of Brisbane Catholic Education in a school setting.
- Participates in school staff events, school activities and celebrations as appropriate.
- Promotes the ethos and charism of the school community.

Works closely with others to promote student wellbeing, emotional resilience, positive relationships and a sense of community.

- Building a sense of community through activities such as contributing to school newsletters, parent coffee club and school activities such as school camps.
- Responding to the needs of specific students through activities such as breakfast clubs, peer support programs or mentoring/coaching.
- Building student wellbeing and resilience through activities such as peer leadership programs, games clubs and appropriate referral in times of critical events.

Collaborates with other role holders such as the Principal, Guidance Counsellor or APRE in supporting the faith, spiritual and pastoral needs of students (*where appropriate).

- Assists in the design and development of rites of passage such as leadership induction, birthday celebrations and welcoming new students.
- Collaborates with other community members to support spiritual formation activities such as assembly prayer, pastoral group reflection times or school celebrations.
- Empowers students to use their gifts and talents in service of others through social justice action activities and initiatives.

Provides students, their families and staff with appropriate referrals in difficult situations such as during times of grief or when students are facing personal or emotional challenges.

- Provides appropriate resources for parents/care givers at times of need.
- Supports pastoral care initiatives for staff.
- Provides appropriate feedback and referral in relation to the welfare of students.

Promotes positive partnerships within and beyond the school community.

Facilitates activities that connect students with groups in the wider community such as community sports teams, parish youth groups or service clubs.

- Connects students within the school community through activities such as sports events, co-curricular activities and school interest based clubs.

Assists students during times of transition such as commencing school and transition from primary to secondary

Contact can be made with Karen via the school office or via email kaholmes@bne.catholic.edu.au



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Information regarding the National School Chaplaincy and Youth Support Program, Code of Conduct and complaints procedures can be found at:

http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/NSCSWP/Pages/NSCSWP_Overview.aspx

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