



Parklands High School

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School Chaplaincy at Parklands High School.

School chaplaincy – Supporting and caring for students, staff and families,- Helping people to discover their own story

School Chaplaincy at Parklands High School is funded by the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program &/or the school.

The chaplaincy service at this school is approved by the School Association. Each year a school community consultation process is conducted through the School Association to establish approval for funding for the following year and the continuation of the service.

The chaplain is available to support students, parents and staff. If you would like to make an appointment for your child or yourself to see the chaplain, please contact the school office.

N.B. Participation by students in the chaplaincy program is voluntary.

If you do not want your child/children to be involved in the chaplaincy service in this school, please register your intention at the office.

What is a School Chaplain?

- This program aims to help our school community support the spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of our students
- Chaplains are a part of the student support services team in this school.
- Chaplains provide students, their families and staff with support and appropriate referrals
- Chaplains participate in school activities e.g. camps, excursions, sports events, garden and cooking programs
- Chaplains have relevant qualifications, with a minimum of Cert IV in Youth Work and Diploma level or working towards Diploma level.
- Chaplains participate in regular professional learning/training.

Aims of the School Chaplaincy Service

Our school chaplain, Chris Swain is at school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week.

- a role model for students
- a listening ear/confidant
- a caring presence
- a resource on spirituality, values, meaning and purpose
- a link between your school and its community

Roles and Responsibilities of Chaplains

NSCSWP Guidelines

The roles and responsibilities of School Chaplains can be viewed in the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program Guidelines (pages 9-11) at:

<http://deewr.gov.au/news/updated-national-school-chaplaincy-and-student-welfare-program-guidelines>

Introducing our Chaplain

Who am I: Chris Swain I have been married for 33 years to Julie and I have two children, Danny and Matthew.

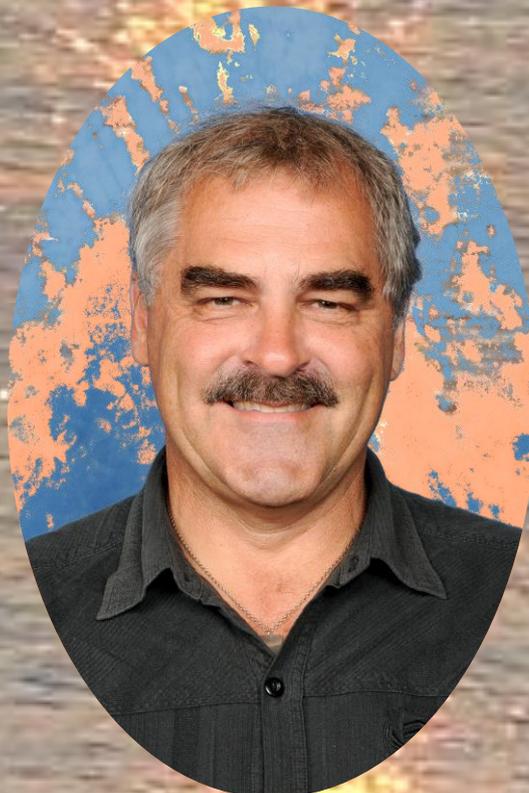
Time in the role: I'm into my thirteenth year as chaplain at Parklands. The role started out as a lunch time visit and grew into three full days at the school.

Interests: Photography and sports: I am often called upon to photograph an event at school and I still play volleyball in a local roster. I also compete at the state masters athletics comp where I have won several gold, silver and bronze medals.

Experience: Over 35 years in youth ministry assisting and leading youth groups and young adult groups.

Qualifications: Cert III in Christian Studies and Cert III in Ministry. Competencies in Working Effectively in Mental Health and Respond Holistically to Client Issues and Refer Appropriately.

Role in School: Support for students, staff and community, pastoral care, building positive relationships and being a positive role model.



How can you support our chaplain?

- Become part of the Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) which oversees the service. The LCC meets once a term to review the chaplain's work and to make recommendations and goals for future action. The dates of these meetings can be obtained from the school office
- Volunteer as a helper in programs run by the chaplain – a current Department of Education Good Character Check is essential
- Contribute feedback in person or via email to the chaplain or Principal.

What if you have a complaint about the chaplain?

- If you have reason to make a complaint regarding the chaplain, arrange to meet with the complaints officer – Suzanne Barnes (Parklands High School Principal)
- Scripture Union Tasmania, the funding recipient and service provider for the service, can also be contacted (details below). You are entitled to make an anonymous complaint. All complaints will be kept strictly confidential.
- All attempts will be made to resolve complaints at the local level.
- If do not wish to address your complaint to the School Principal, Complaints Officer or Funding Recipient, they may be made directly to the Department by completing the complaint reporting form available at the Program website: www.deewr.gov.au/schoolchaplaincyandwelfare or emailing schoolchaplaincyandwelfarecomplaints@deewr.gov.au

Scripture Union Tasmania is the Funding Recipient and service provider of the Australian Government's National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program at this school and the Tasmanian Department of Education approved provider of school chaplaincy in the state.



This chaplaincy position is supported and managed by a Local Chaplaincy Committee comprising representatives from the school and local community.

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