

Feedback from wellbeing staff and Principals:

"Our pastoral care worker (PCW) is an important part of the wellbeing support that our school provides to students. The PCW this year has been working with some of our vulnerable students to provide extra support. Our students also enjoy a 'movie day' each Friday at lunchtime, which is run by our pastoral care worker. This is a great way to bring some extra joy to our students' Fridays!"

Wellbeing Coordinator 2020

"The PCW's ability to build trusting relationships with the students she works with has been well recognised by the school community. Feedback from students is always positive; students are able to verbalise what they discussed in session, which demonstrates clarity of the supports and strategies put in place. The Pastoral Care Worker's service to the school is vital to maintaining an effective wellbeing program."

Student Wellbeing Leader 2020

I would like to say how pleased I am with the way that the Pastoral Care Worker has settled into the role at our site. She works well with all members of our school, students look forward to spending time with her and staff find her approachable and easy to talk too. It would be great to have her working more at our site as she is a very valued asset to our team. I look forward to continuing to work with her."

Acting Assistant Principal 2020



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A Child Safe Organisation
Centacare has an ongoing commitment to building and maintaining a Child Safe Organisation.



Centacare welcomes people who are intersex, gender diverse and of all sexualities.



Statement regarding the traditional owners of the land
For thousands of years Aboriginal people have walked on this land, in their country. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives. We acknowledge the Aboriginal people and their stewardship and spiritual connection with their lands.



Centacare is nationally accredited against the Quality Improvement Council (QIC), Australian Health and Community Services Standards.



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Pastoral Care Worker

Information for students and their families

Pastoral Care Worker services are funded by The National School Chaplaincy Program with the aim to support schools in promoting the wellbeing of students by complementing other existing initiatives in the school community.

The program is designed to provide a tailored option, specific to the needs and requirements of each school community.



About the Service

Centacare coordinates and facilitates Chaplaincy Services in Government primary, secondary and high schools within the Adelaide Metropolitan and Regional areas.

The Pastoral Care Worker is employed directly through Centacare.

Centacare is the official community service agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide.

Working across a range of sectors including disability, family, youth and children, health and wellbeing, carer support, education and training, homelessness and domestic violence, Centacare provides responsive, flexible and effective services to the South Australian community regardless of religion, race, culture or economic circumstance.

We envision a community where people can experience the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Roles and Responsibilities

The National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) is a Department for Education initiative in partnership with Centacare.

All workers require a up to date Working with Children Checks issued by the Department of Human Services and to have an minimum of Youth Work or equivalent training.

The key responsibilities in this role are:

- Work as part of the school wellbeing team to plan for and deliver student resilience and wellbeing services.
- Provide students, their families and staff with support in difficult situations, such as during times of grief or when students are facing personal or emotional challenges.
- Refer students/parents/carers to specialist services within the school as appropriate.
- Organise one-on-one or group sessions with students, parents, staff and other members of the school community.
- Deliver peer leadership and support programs.
- Participate in school activities such as sport, camps, gardens.
- Report to school community organisations on service provision within the school community.
- Facilitate activities connecting students with other members of the community.
- Provide mentoring/coaching

Initiatives

Some of the initiatives where our Pastoral Care Workers have participated are:

- Celebrations of gender and cultural diversity
- Arts and craft activities
- Development of wellbeing notice boards
- Support to community and families directly affected by the bushfires
- 'Garden to Kitchen' program
- Lunchtime games and socialising clubs for students
- Wetlands and nature projects
- Setting up the in-school psychologist and GP programs.

If you would like more information on how you can access the school's Pastoral Care Worker, please contact the school, teacher or wellbeing officer.