

Mooloolah State School Chaplaincy

Bringing hope to a younger generation

Meet your Chaplain

Hi, my name is Mark Whysall. After many years of working with children and young people, both on the Sunshine Coast and in Central Western Queensland, I have found it to be rewarding and meaningful.

My desire in being a School Chaplain is to be a positive influence in the lives of the children at Mooloolah State School.

I am married with three children and my wife is also a School Chaplain. I enjoy spending time with my family, photography, table tennis and sci-fi movies.

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What do Chaplains do?

A school chaplain is a safe person for children to connect with at school, providing a listening ear, caring presence, and a message of hope. They care for students struggling with a wide range of issues, including: family problems, confusing relationships, friendship issues, peer pressure, self-esteem issues, bullying and depression.

Chaplains run positive, fun activities for children, both in and out of school, and foster a supportive, caring school community. This includes support for at-risk students, support for staff and families from the wider school community, and spiritual support and direction for the school community.

The partnership between the school and the chaplain, supported by local churches, businesses and community organisations, provides a network of local support and assistance. These positive relationships help children to face issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning and purpose.

Praise for Chaplains

The Chaplain's safe and supportive influence on our young children is of monumental importance as they develop the resilience needed to be successful in the complex society in which we live today.

Michele Brown, Principal

I am happy to support the work of the Chaplain who provides such a positive influence in the lives of our kids.

Ruth Zerner, Mooloolah Valley Pharmacy

It has been my privilege to witness chaplains form relationships with students and these relationships help young people to face issues and provide hope.

Amanda Moreau

How can you get involved?

Every school chaplaincy encourages partnership with local churches and communities. You can help by:

- Volunteering to assist at school breakfasts, student groups, and other activities/events.
- Offering financial assistance
- Praying for your school's chaplaincy activities
- Holding a fundraising event

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