



# Holy Trinity Primary School

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## Holy Trinity Primary School's Pastoral Care Worker's Role

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The School's Pastoral Care Worker will assist on both the spiritual and emotional levels of the human person, and will provide pastoral care, general religious and personal advice, and comfort and support in difficult times to students, staff, and families seeking it, irrespective of their religious beliefs. Specific areas that could be addressed throughout the year include social issues, such as difficulties in relationships, economic and community dislocation, hardship or dysfunction, drought or natural disasters, and critical incidents such as accident, illness, or bereavement. The school's Pastoral Care Worker will undertake their work in a manner that is consistent with the values and teachings of the Catholic Church. The Pastoral Care Worker will deliver services to the school and community through:

- Providing general religious and personal advice to those seeking it, comfort and support to students and staff, such as during times of grief;
- Supporting students and staff to create an environment of cooperation and respect, promoting an understanding of diversity and the range of religious affiliations and their traditions;
- Respecting the range of religious views and cultural traditions of the school and the broader community and also respecting the rights of parents/guardians to ensure the religious and moral education of their children is in line with their own convictions;
- Working in a wider spiritual context to support students and staff of other religious affiliations (not all students, parents or families are Catholic) and not seek to impose any religious beliefs or persuade an individual towards a particular set of religious beliefs;
- Being approachable by all students, staff and members of the school community of all religious affiliations;
- Abiding by National School's Chaplaincy Programme Code of Conduct; and
- Operating within a strong ethical framework, which supports and upholds the Values for Australian Schooling.

### Tasks

Task may include, but are not limited to

- Assisting students explore their spirituality;
- Providing guidance about spiritual values and ethical matters;
- Facilitating access to the helping agencies in the community, both religious-based and secular;
- Helping school counselors and staff in offering welfare services and support in cases of

bereavement, family breakdown or other crisis and loss situations;

- Assisting with liturgies;
- Providing support with behavioural issues;
- Offering pastoral care to staff while maintaining confidentiality, objectivity, and neutrality;
- Facilitating small groups by special request.