



Applicant FAQs

What is a School Chaplain?

As per the guidelines in each state (see appendix below) school chaplains support the wellbeing of students by providing pastoral care services and strategies that support the wellbeing of the broader school community. Pastoral care is defined in the Project Agreement with the Commonwealth Government as the practice of looking after the personal needs of students, not just their academic needs, through the provision of general spiritual and personal advice.

What does a School Chaplain do?

Chaplains provide a safe place for students to talk through life challenges and provide necessary referrals when additional support is required (see appendix below for an outline from each state). Chaplains can also assist with wellbeing programs, breakfast clubs, mentoring and community or social justice projects. Chaplains can also provide support to families and staff who are needing wellbeing support.

Who can be a School Chaplain?

The requirements to become a School Chaplain outlined by each state (see appendix):

- A minimum of a Certificate IV in Youth Work; or a Certificate IV in Pastoral Care; or a Certificate IV in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care; or an equivalent qualification that must include competencies in *CHCCCS016 Respond to client needs & CHCMHS001 Work with people with mental health issues* (someone currently enrolled in an approved course may also qualify)
- Endorsement from their church
- Current Paid/Employee Working with Children Check (NSW, Vic, NT, SA), Current National Police Check (Vic), Blue Card (not pending) (QLD)

What are the workdays/hours?

This is at the discretion of the school in consultation with the chaplain. However, for schools with 400 hours of funding per year, most chaplains are employed 2 days a week during school hours (9am-3pm) but these hours can be flexible depending on school needs.

How do I apply for a position?

Email the following documents to admin@yourdream.org.au :

- Resume including relevant referees
- Current Paid/Employee Working with Children Check (NSW, Vic, NT, SA), Current National Police Check (Vic), Blue Card (not pending) (QLD)
- Church endorsement letter
- Qualifications & transcripts

What happens after I apply?

We will contact you by phone to find out a little more about you and let you know if we can put you forward for any local positions. If so, we will send your application to the school and will let you know if they proceed to interview. We will organise the interview dates/times and notify you of the outcome following the interview. If you are successful for the role, we will liaise with the school and notify you of your start date and time.

Appendix

NSW

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/whole-school-approach/wellbeing-support/nscp>

VIC

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/mentalhealth/Pages/nscpchaplaincy.aspx>

QLD

<https://education.qld.gov.au/students/student-health-safety-wellbeing/student-support-services/chaplaincy-student-welfare-worker-services>

SA

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/projects-and-programs/national-school-chaplaincy-program>

NT

https://education.nt.gov.au/___data/assets/pdf_file/0008/723914/nscp_general_information_handbook.pdf