



# What does CHAPLAINCY look like at Tinana State School?



Scripture Union, recommends **four models of Chaplaincy Services** that can be adopted by state schools. Currently, Tinana State School has adopted all 4 models. These models are to be sensitive and considerate of the total range of cultural, spiritual and religious backgrounds and other belief systems represented in the Tinana State School Community.

## PASTORAL CARE MODEL

*Providing an additional dimension to the school's care, guidance and support of students with practical, spiritual or ethical needs.*

- Students talk with the Chappy about issues such as grief, separation, bullying and peer relationships—on a referral basis.
- Meals, vouchers, clothes, toys and hampers have been given to families who are walking through hardship.
- Chappy has had chats with parents over the phone, in her room and at McDonalds when they need a listening ear.
- Chappy attends funerals to support people in our school community.
- Welcome cards are posted to each Prep student at the start of their school year.
- Student's with physical or specific health needs are supported by the Chaplain.
- Hospital visits.
- Chappy attends various school community events: Theatre productions, Family Fun Day, Carols, P&C, Graduation Dinners, Community Events, Behaviour Awards etc.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MODEL

*Networking with services that promote the wellbeing of students and the community.*

- Chappy introduced a 'Be Strong' program for boys at MFHB Gym. This involved fitness training and a talk on core values from community members.
- Chappy has organised off-campus alternate programs for students in conjunction with Education Queensland.
- A local youth group provide support for Family Fun Day.
- A local youth group painted 'You Can Do It' Banners for our hall.
- Chappy liaises with local community and Government agencies to connect students and their families with services they might be eligible for to make their situation easier.
- Chappy is currently liaising with representatives from Kahwun Wooga.

- Chappy presents talks to local churches to raise financial support for Chaplaincy.



## EDUCATION MODEL

*Upon invitation, participating as a guest presenter within the school's syllabus.*

- Chappy attends various school excursions and camps on invitation.
- Chappy presented class presentations on our core school values before the 'You Can Do It' program.
- Chappy introduced Cyber Safety sessions for students, staff and parents.
- Chappy provides child minding for parents in evening information sessions.
- Chappy works with groups and individuals training them for the Speech and Drama Eisteddfod.
- Chappy facilitates the 'You Can Do It' parent sessions.
- Chappy provides support for students in class time or for specific events.
- Chappy is currently studying a Diploma of Youth Work to complete the minimum standards for Chaplaincy.
- Chappy attends all state and local conferences.

## MENTORING MODEL

*Acting as a role model for students and assisting in the development of supportive relationships for, with and among students.*

- World Vision's Kids Hope Australia program has been running in our school for 4 years. We currently have 11 mentors who mentor a student for an hour each week.
- Chappy provides support in some classes with group work.
- Chappy provides some games and fun activities in the lunchtimes (although not every term).

## RELIGIOUS PROGRAMS

Religious programs are provided on a volunteer basis in school lunch times in the form of SUPA Club. SUPA (Scripture Union Primary Age) Club is offered weekly between 2-4 terms a year. Holiday programs are also provided the second week of each June-July school holidays. These holiday programs have a religious content to them and are held off campus.



# Chappy Week 2011

## What is Chaplaincy?



Around Queensland, school communities will set aside the last week in May to promote and celebrate the value of Chaplaincy in State Schools.

### WHO IS SU QLD?

SU QLD exists to bring hope to today's children and youth, hence their tagline, "Bringing hope to a young generation." They are a leading and respected children and youth organisation and they are the premier provider of chaplaincy in Qld State School. SU QLD helps Qld children, youth and their families through caring, trained, professional, school chaplains working alongside volunteers from local churches.



### WHAT DO SU QLD CHAPAINS DO?

A school chaplain is a safe person for young people to connect with at school, providing a listening ear, caring presence, and a message of hope. They care for students struggling with confusing relationships, peer pressure and self-esteem issues, family breakdown, depression, suicide, bullying, drug issues, physical, sexual and emotional abuse.

Chaplains run positive, fun activities for young people, 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 young people to face issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning and purpose.

### WHO IS AMANDA WATERSON?

Amanda Waterson is the Chaplain employed at Tinana State School. Our school received National School Chaplaincy Funding in 2007 to provide our community with a chaplain for 2 days a week. Amanda took this position on in October 2007 and works Monday and Tuesday, but volunteers her time on Wednesday. The original 3 year funding was extended for another 12 months at the end of 2010.

Amanda is a qualified Speech Pathologist and maintains a Private Practice 2 days a week. She is also a local Children and Youth Pastor.

Amanda is married to Graham and has 2 daughters.

Amanda's family, church and local youth group actively support her role as School Chaplain.



### WHO IS INVOLVED WITH CHAPLAINCY IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

Our local P&C support the chaplaincy program financially with a gift of \$500 twice a year.

Once a term a Committee meet to govern the program and support the chaplain. This is called the **Local Chaplaincy Committee**. This committee meets at least once a term to govern the program, and discuss issues rising. Members of this committee include:

**The Principal**—David Burns (Tinana State School)

**A local Senior Pastor**-Ps Kerry Shipp (Tinana Christian Church)

**A community member**-Glenys Foley and Merryl Farmer

**The Chaplain**- Amanda Waterson

**A Staff Member**-Jo Commins (Teacher)

### HOW MANY CHAPLAINS ARE IN MARYBOROUGH?

**Troy** - Central State School, Maryborough Special School, St Helens and Albert State School.

**Jessica** —Sunbury State School

**Jason**—Maryborough West State School and Granville State School

**Amanda**— Tinana State School

*All our local primary school chaplains are funded through the National Schools Chaplaincy Program funding.*

**Tricea**— Aldridge State High School

**Mark**—Maryborough State High School

*Our high school chaplains are funded mainly through community fundraising events.*