School Chaplaincy at Campbell High School

School chaplaincy
- Supporting and caring for students, staff and families
- Helping people to discover their own story

School Chaplaincy at Campbell High School is funded by the Federal Government through the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program (NSCSWP).

The chaplaincy service at this school is approved by the School Board and Parents and Citizens Association. Each year a school community consultation process is conducted to establish approval for funding for the following year and the continuation of the service.

The chaplain is available to support students, parents and staff. If you would like to make an appointment for your child or yourself to see the chaplain, you can contact the school office or via email steve.lindner@ed.act.edu.au. Students, parents, teachers and staff may contact the chaplain directly to arrange an appointment.

N.B. Participation by students in the chaplaincy program is voluntary.
If you do not want your child/ren to be involved in the chaplaincy service in this school, please register your intention at the office.

What is a School Chaplain?

- This program aims to help our school community support the spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of our students
- Chaplains are a part of the student wellbeing team in this school.
- Chaplains provide students, their families and staff with support and appropriate referrals
- Chaplains participate in school activities e.g. camps, excursions, sports events, and other programs
- Chaplains have relevant qualifications, with a minimum of Cert IV in Youth Work and Diploma level or working towards Diploma level.
- Chaplains participate in regular professional learning/training.
Aims of the School Chaplaincy Service

At present our school chaplain is at school Monday to Friday each week. His primary chaplaincy days are Thursday and Friday. The chaplain is:

- a role model for students
- a listening ear/confidant
- a caring presence
- a resource on spirituality, values, meaning and purpose
- a link between your school and its community

Roles and Responsibilities of Chaplains - NSCSWP Guidelines

The roles and responsibilities of School Chaplains can be viewed in the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program Guidelines (pages 9-11).

Introducing our chaplain, Steve Lindner

My name is Steve Lindner and I have lived in Canberra for over thirty years. I have been the chaplain at Campbell High school since 2008 when the chaplaincy service first began. I have been happily married since 1991; I’m a father of three daughters, a qualified motor mechanic, and minister of religion and have qualifications in Career Development, Training and Assessment, and Counselling and Family Therapy. I have been involved in running youth groups and in other leadership roles with community groups for over twenty years. I love playing and watching sport, playing music in bands and enjoying a good coffee with friends.

How can you support our chaplain?

- Become part of the Chaplaincy Support Team (CST) which supports the service. The CST meets at various times during the year to review the chaplain’s work and to make recommendations and goals for future action.
- Volunteer as a helper in programs run by the chaplain – current Working With Vulnerable People registration is essential
- Contribute feedback in person or via email to the chaplain or Principal
What if you have a complaint about the chaplain?

- If you have reason to make a complaint regarding the chaplain, arrange to meet with our School Principal, Heather Paterson.
- School Chaplaincy ACT, the funding recipient and service provider for the service; can also be contacted (details below). You are entitled to make an anonymous complaint. All complaints will be kept strictly confidential.
- All attempts will be made to resolve complaints at the local level.
- If you do not wish to address your complaint to the School Principal, or School Chaplaincy ACT, they may be made directly to the Department by completing the online complaint form available at the Program website or by emailing schoolchaplaincyandwelfarecomplaints@deewr.gov.au

School Chaplaincy ACT is the Funding Recipient and service provider of the Australian Government’s National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program at this school.

This chaplaincy position is supported and managed by School Chaplaincy ACT in consultation with representatives from the school community.

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