

CHAPLAIN CHAT

Chaplaincy at Mayfield State School Donor Update

EMOTIONS

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING?



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Chaplains spend a lot of time supporting young people through pastoral conversations and programs that help young people understand their emotions. Social and emotional learning helps children identify their feelings, understand and communicate with others, build strong relationships, and make good, empathetic decisions. Social emotional learning focuses on a set of life skills children need to understand themselves and communicate with others.

Through programs lead by the chaplain, children can develop empathy, emotional regulation, problem solving skills and communication skills. These skills can also help with relationships with friends and family and help to strengthen their decision-making ability and self-control.

MEMORABLE MOMENTS

CHAPPY DISCO

The Term 2 Disney themed Chappy Disco was a real hit with everyone who came along. Many thanks to the Mayfield parents and local church volunteers who continue to make it such a positive community event. The weeks leading up to the disco provide many opportunities for students to be involved with the planning and preparation. Students are heavily involved in the decision making about Chappy Disco themes, costumes and decorations as well as song suggestions. I am particularly grateful to the staff who support this event by coming along to serve sausages, supervise the disco games and dancing and one amazing staff member who is our resident DJ.

A very special thank you to Di Fittell for making so many cookies for us to sell on the night. They were so popular I have had people asking for more.



YEAR 4 CAMP

Our most recent camp to Currimundi was for our year 4 students. This is one of my favourite school activities here at Mayfield. School camps are the perfect time for building connections. Some young people find their first time away from home a daunting and frightening experience but a little bit of support from a friendly face can do a lot to help calm the nerves of children and their parents. This is also a great opportunity for supporting staff and building relationships.



LOOP EASTER CAMP

A real highlight of my chaplaincy calendar is the opportunity to participate in LOOP camp. This is a camp run by SU Australia for year 5 & 6 students. It is an opportunity to invite students from school to join in a week of fun challenges, great food and some awesome spiritual input. This year we travelled to a campsite on the Sunshine coast and enjoyed four amazing days of activities designed to encourage young people on their faith journey.

Please pray for the young people who were able to hear the gospel message for the first time. Pray they will make connections with their local church community and continue to grow in their faith.

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CHAPLAINCY SUPPORT TEAMS

What is a Chaplaincy Support Team (CST)? Chaplaincy Support Teams (CSTs) play an essential role in every chaplaincy service, helping to ensure more of a chaplain's time is spent supporting young people in need. CSTs are made up of people just like you—serving and leading in practical and strategic ways. Whether it's helping shape the direction of local chaplaincy, strengthening community partnerships, or simply lending a hand, each team member plays a key role.

WHY JOIN A CST?

Positively contribute to the social and emotional wellbeing of students, staff, and families in your local school community. Connect your local school to other support networks, including local churches, and community organisations. Be part of a team of like-minded individuals who share your passion for making a positive difference in the lives of our young people. Would you like to know more? Contact Anne- Maree - anne-maree.hamilton@suchaplaincy.org.au

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to financially support the chaplaincy service provided at Mayfield State school please follow the link. Your contribution makes a difference in the lives of young people and their families.



LIKE TO PRAY ?

Locally:

- Give thanks for the way God is working in the hearts and minds of the people I meet every day.
- Thank God for His provision and making the chaplaincy role possible at Mayfield.
- Pray that upcoming events will be a great opportunity to encourage the Mayfield community.
- Pray for words to speak as I talk with students, parent and teachers every day.
- Ask that God give me wisdom and discernment in how I use my time and where I focus my energy.
- Ask God to equip me to be a person of peace in this school community.

Across the state:

- Please pray for the many chaplaincy vacancies across Australia, especially in rural areas. Pray that the right people will answer God's call to fill these roles to bring God's love to young people.
- Pray for Ubervtweak Winter, a QLD camp for Years 7-12 centred on passions for science, technology, gaming, and more. Pray that those attending can make new friendships and deepen existing ones. Pray also for the leaders sharing their testimonies, for their practical example of God's love to campers.
- Pray for our team of chaplains in South East QLD, mid-way through the year, for a fresh energy and vision. Pray for favour in our schools and opportunity to serve our school communities.
- Training Week is a week for Year 10-12 students in South East QLD to grow together and authentically follow Jesus. Pray for the young people who attend, for open hearts and powerful encounters with God.

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