

Student Name

Home group

Pastoral Care Worker - 2019

Providing pastoral support to Kingston Community School and linking families to community resources and services, our Pastoral Care Worker (Brigette Olsen) will be at our school during the week.

Brigette's role is to:

- pastorally support the school in its aim to be a safe and supportive learning environment and so they contribute through involvement in a range of activities such as camps, excursions, and lunchtime groups.
- provide support to individual students with the consent of their parent (see below).
- link families to community resources and services by providing information about support and services provided through community groups, including church groups.

She does not promote nor discriminate on the grounds of any particular ideology, but works to enable a supportive, inclusive and caring learning environment within the school for all students.

Brigette can be contacted by phoning the Front Office.

Consent for my student to work with the Pastoral Care Worker

Background

For many years Pastoral Care Workers, previously known as Chaplains, have worked in a number of South Australian Government Schools. These workers are employed and funded by the School Ministries Group and the ecumenical Christian group and operate with the knowledge and support of the local pastors. Their work is framed by an agreement between DECS, School Ministries Group (SMG) and the Heads of Churches.

As you will be aware, as a result of the current government's strong commitment to Child Protection, much more stringent conditions of appointment and workplace processes now apply to all adults working with children. The current agreement in relation to the Pastoral Support Program reflects this and requires that students must have written informed parental consent before obtaining individual, personal assistance from a person working in the school's Pastoral Support Program.

CONSENT

I give consent / I do not give consent for my student to seek and obtain individual personal assistance from the Pastoral Care Worker at Kingston Community School. I understand that teachers retain over-riding duty of care for students in such circumstances. Therefore they are required to confidentially inform teaching staff of all matters related to duty of care and student learning, health and wellbeing and will ensure my child is aware of the scope and limits of privacy and confidentiality in any conversation at which a teacher is not present.

Parent Name: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____