## WHAT CHAPLAINS DO

A school chaplain is a safe person for children to connect with at school, providing a listening ear and caring presence. They care for students struggling with a wide range of issues, including: family problems, confusing relationships, friendship issues, peer pressure, self-esteem issues, bullying and depression.

Chaplains run positive, fun activities for children, 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 – and in many cases assisted by generous Federal Government funding – provides a network of local support. These positive relationships help children to face issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning, and purpose.

### **GET INVOLVED**

You can help by: Volunteering to assist at school breakfasts, student groups, and other activities/ events.

Offering Financial Assistance

Praying for your school's chaplaincy activities

Holding a fundraising event

Being apart of the mentoring program Talk with our chaplain about how you can be involved. Harlaxton State School 110 Ruthven St. Harlaxton QLD 4350 Ph. 07 4639 9111 E. admin@harlaxtonss.eq.edu.au Website. Harlaxtonss.eq.edu.au



## SCRIPTURE UNION AUSTRALIA

SU Australia is an interdenominational Christian organisation, officially endorsed by Education Queensland as an accredited employing authority for school chaplains. We have worked in schools for over 80 years, in partnership with local churches and community groups. Since 1990, SU QLD has been the leading chaplaincy provider in Queensland State Schools, currently training, supporting, equipping, and overseeing more than 550 chaplains. We are also the largest employer of school chaplains in Australia.

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# Harlaxton State School Chaplaincy



## BRINGING HOPE TO A YOUNG GENERATION



Hi, my name is Chappy Steve (Steve Simpson). I have been appointed as the new school chaplain as of Term 1 2024. I will be working on Thursdays and Fridays.

I have been in pastoral ministry for many years and have experience with varying cultural backgrounds and age groups over that time. In 2023, I completed a post graduate certificate in chaplaincy majoring in school applications.

Some of the programs I intend to offer at lunch times will be designed to enhance student's social skills and connections. I will also be available to assist young people and their families that are undergoing challenging circumstances. A compassionate listening ear and an opening to talk is sometimes all it takes.

As a Chaplain I provide students, staff, parents, and carers with social, emotional, spiritual (when requested) and educational support as required.

Through walk arounds, lunch sports, classroom and group activities coupled with one-on-one assistance my goal is to provide support for the whole child so that they may flourish into their teenage years and beyond.

My door is always open, and I look forward to developing relationships that are mutually rewarding.

Feel free to contact Chappy Steve

#### ssimp253@eq.edu.au

Or by calling the school on 07 4639 9111

Chappy Steve is at Harlaxton State School Tuesdays and Wednesdays

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