

Scott's Story

"Hi, my name is Scott and I'm in Grade 7. I've known Mrs. Dodds for over 2 years - she is very patient, funny and she puts a smile on my face. She also gives great advice to me and other kids.

Just over a year ago, my mum and dad decided to separate. I didn't know what to do and I felt really, really sad. I used to cry even when there wasn't a reason. Also at that time, I found it hard to make friends and felt people didn't understand how hard things were for me.

Mrs. Dodds used to talk with me and, once she even cried with me. I got to take part in a group called "Seasons" for kids who are grieving and I had to accept that mum and dad would never get back together again.

Mrs. Dodds also planned a lunch-time group for me and some of my friends where we would play silly games and laugh a lot. This helped take my mind off things.

I still get sad and angry sometimes but I know Mrs. Dodds is there to talk to and she knows how to keep secrets. I feel good talking to her cause I know she understands.

I'm only saying all this because it's true.

Thankyou"

Debbie Dodds has been chaplain of Harlaxton State School since 2004 and has found her time to be both very challenging and rewarding. She is well known throughout the school community and is held in high regard by students, staff and parents.

Within the school's 'Whole Child' emphasis, Deb works as part of the team especially in areas of social, emotional and spiritual needs.

Through breakfasts, lunch time groups, involvement within classrooms and alternative programmes, Debbie seeks to build a trusting relationship with each student. In partnership with staff members, she is very involved in overseeing the Mentoring Programme which joins identified students with a caring adult in an endeavour to encourage and strengthen the child.

Debbie is also very active in running 'Girls Getaway' (a camp for Yr. 6/7 girls), organizing 'Boy's Bush Bash' and is on the committee for 'Serious Fun' a group which support mums within the school communities of Toowoomba.



The role of our School Chaplain

Chaplains play an important role within their local school. As Chaplains to the whole school community, they support students, students' families and staff and build positive relationships throughout the community.

The chaplain is important because he/she can compliment existing school support workers, enabling schools to provide a richer, more rounded service. The Chaplain can, if required and with parental permission, speak to students about issues of faith, lead Christian activities in the school and provide links to religious-based support in the community.

The Harlaxton State School Chaplaincy program is very well supported by the wider Toowoomba Community. Chaplains add a spiritual dimension to the school as well, encouraging students who want to know more about faith issues, helping run RE programs and Christian activities in the school and providing links to religious-based support services in the community.



We need your support

By joining the support team of your local chaplaincy service you can make a difference to young Queenslanders.

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SU Queensland Schools Ministry Fund**

I would like to know more about how I can help practically within this chaplaincy service.

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Harlaxton State School
110 Ruthven St
Toowoomba Q 4350

Make a difference

School chaplaincy is a partnership between schools, local religious communities and businesses, with Scripture Union Queensland acting as an employing body and providing administration.

Motivated by Christian beliefs and values, SU Queensland is an interchurch and not-for-profit organization committed to bringing hope to the younger members of our communities.

In 2007 Harlaxton State School was successful in obtaining some govt funding to assist with the implementation of our program. In order to keep building our strong community, we would appreciate your support. Your generosity is very much appreciated

Scripture Union has been officially endorsed by the Minister of Education as an accredited employing agency for school Chaplains.

Please consider supporting Chaplaincy at Harlaxton State School by filling out the donation form attached.

Together we can make a difference!



HARLAXTON STATE SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

