

Sheldon College

Chaplaincy Services



Love Laughter Learning

Positive Character, Positive Experience

Sheldon College Chaplaincy Services provides educational and personal support for members of its community.

These services are managed by Mr Rick Samuels as part of the Community Engagement portfolio.

- > Preparing young people for real life
- > Helping them enjoy their current life experiences
- > Setting up patterns of behaviour for later life



Values Education

The Federal Government has identified Nine Values for Australian Schooling and one of the Chaplaincy services provided is to embed the teaching of these values into our existing Pastoral Care programs:

The Nine Values are:

1. Care and Compassion
2. Doing your best
3. Fair Go
4. Freedom
5. Honesty and Trustworthiness
6. Integrity
7. Respect
8. Responsibility
9. Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion

Intra-personal Values Lessons

On a rotational basis Intra-personal Values lessons will be co-ordinated and presented to all Year Levels with the fundamental difference between these and Pastoral Care lessons being an intrapersonal focus rather than an inter-personal one. These lessons focus on questions such as "Why do we believe what we believe?" and "Who or what would we not be taking care of if we did not continue to uphold the value?"

Some of the concepts covered in these lessons would be:

- > What makes an effective leader?
- > How obedience can be a protection
- > The benefits of kindness
- > How to be happy
- > Appreciating the sacrifices others make on our behalf
- > Defining one's own spirituality

Virtues and Strengths

As part of our endeavour to develop positive character traits to maximise the positivity of our life experiences, the Chaplaincy service is also responsible for embedding the teaching of the following virtues and character strengths into College-based activities and events.

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WISDOM

Creativity, Curiosity, Open-mindedness, A Love of Learning and a Sense of Perspective

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COURAGE

Bravery, Persistence, Integrity and Vitality

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HUMANITY

Love, Kindness and Social Intelligence

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JUSTICE

Citizenship, Fairness and Leadership

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TEMPERANCE

Forgiveness, Mercy, Humility, Prudence and Self-control

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TRANSCENDENCE

An Appreciation of beauty, Excellence, Gratitude, Hope and A Sense of Humour

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One of the principles of the College's operations is the notion of "Voluntary Participation" so if you ever feel that any of our Values Education concepts or any of the Virtues and Character Strengths we are aiming to develop is not in alignment with your own values or beliefs, please contact us.



Additional Support Services

From time to time our life circumstances change and unexpected things happen. Accordingly, please be aware that an additional service provided through Sheldon College Chaplaincy is support provided to families or individuals in time of crisis, grief or uncertainty. These services include on site resiliency training programs and referrals to external counselling agencies.

Sometimes individuals may identify a need to seek spiritual guidance. This is also a service that we can co-ordinate for you if necessary. As our College is a non-denominational school our Chaplain must not discuss any religious doctrine and if people belong to a specific religious denomination the process is for them to be referred to a counsellor of their own religious denomination.

General Information

The College's appointed Chaplain is Mr Rick Samuels and he is responsible for co-ordinating the educational programs outlined in this brochure and for co-ordinating any personalised support required by individual students or families. Mr Samuels can be contacted directly on **3206 5566** or via e-mail at r.samuels@sheldoncollege.com. Students may also avail themselves of these services by contacting Student Services.

The benefits and services provided by the Sheldon College Chaplaincy Service used to be partially funded by the "National School Chaplaincy Program" (NGCP) which is a State Government Department of Education, Training and Employment initiative. However, this funding is no longer available but we are informed it may resume again in the future. The views expressed herein do not necessarily represent the views of that government department.



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