

School Chaplaincy

School chaplains provide social, emotional and pastoral support to school communities. They are in the prevention and support business: helping students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to friendships and mental health.

They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for children and young people in crisis, and those who just need a friend. They also provide support for staff and parents in school communities.

How many days/hours is a role

Chaplaincy positions funded by State and Federal grants can provide between 1 and 2 days per week. However, with school and community support these hours of service can be increased. However, many of our schools and local support contribute to the program to increase hours.

Chaplains are able to work in 2 or 3 schools, depending on positions vacant in their area.

Positions

Head to startchaplaincy.com and select the state that you are looking for. Each position is detailed and you apply online.

Applying for a role

When applying you need to address each criteria individually. A paragraph or two per criteria is sufficient. Support your answers by offering specific examples of your experiences.

Qualifications

There are minimum qualifications required to be a school chaplain. The national program requires Certificate IV in Chaplaincy/Pastoral Care or Certificate IV in Youthwork or equivalent.

This equivalent is important as each state Department of Education has set requirements for this equivalent qualification. Details can be found through our online application, or we can assist with determining if your qualification meets minimum [here](#).

It is important to note that your qualification must also include mandatory competencies around mental health, making appropriate referrals and working with youth or pastoral care.

Further Study

If you need to undertake further study, SU Australia has an RTO called the SU Institute of Training which is able to offer these courses including the two units. These are available online. Find out more [here](#).

If you are QLD based you may be eligible for some subsidies depending on your previous qualifications and experience. If you are based in another state, we may be able to put you in touch with another state based RTO who may be able to offer some subsidies.

For more information please contact
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