School Website Chaplaincy – Rainbow Beach

Chaplaincy Services provide spiritual, ethical, and personal support to school communities. SU Qld Chaplains provide positive adult role models for students. Chaplains are present in schools at the invitation of the Principal, in consultation with the local community, and with the support of the P&C Association.

What does a School Chaplain do?

A School Chaplain is a safe person for young people to connect with at school and provides a listening ear, caring presence, and a message of hope. Chaplains run positive, fun activities for students and assist in fostering supportive, caring school communities.

Working with other members of the school’s support team, the Chaplain cares for students struggling with issues such as difficult relationships with other children or family members, poor self-esteem, family breakdown, and depression.

The partnership between the school and the Chaplaincy Service, supported by local churches, businesses and community organisations, provides a network of local support and assistance. These positive relationships help young people to face difficult issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning, and purpose.

The Chaplaincy Service is available to everyone in the school community regardless of their religious beliefs.

Who is the Rainbow Beach School Chaplain?

Ronnie (Veronica) Timperon is the chaplain at Tin Can Bay School. Ronnie has moved down from Cairns recently to be closer to her parents who live at Tewantin. She and her husband Michael moved to Cairns from Tasmania seven years ago and live aboard a 48-foot steel yacht called ‘Blue Master’ which Michael will be sailing down to Tin Can Bay hopefully sometime in December.

What will Chaplaincy look like at Rainbow Beach School in 2014?

During 2014, Ronnie will be running Breakfast & craft clubs, assist school sports leaders with a lunchtime program and running various programs that will help students in developing social and life skills. Students may request to see her on an individual basis for support in personal matters. For ongoing support, a parent consent form will be sent home.

Will my child be involved?

Involvement with the Chaplain is entirely voluntary and students choose whether or not they want to be a part of the activities that are offered. Parents will be consulted if their child wishes to be involved in ongoing one-to-one meetings with the Chaplain or in any program or group involving spiritual or ethical content. Parents have the right to refuse permission for their child to be involved in any Chaplaincy activity or event.

How can I contact the Chaplain?

Ronnie is at the school on Thursdays and Fridays - please leave a message at the school office if you would like to speak to her or make an appointment.