Glasshouse Country Christian College
National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program
Consultation with Parents and Friends Association

About the Chaplaincy Program
Glasshouse Country Christian College provides voluntary opportunities for students, their families and staff to access the College’s Chaplains for any matter, spiritual or otherwise. Community support for Chaplaincy services has existed at Glasshouse Country Christian College since the commencement of 2007 with Chappy Michelle. Parents enrol their children in the College with the understanding that a Chaplain is on staff to run Chapel services, address pastoral and spirituality issues and explain the Christian faith in the Baptist tradition. Our Chaplains receives full backing from members of the Parents and Friends' Association who recognise the need for the Chaplains to strengthen our entire community. Positive feedback and support for our Chaplains has also been received in parent and staff surveys conducted by the College.

Details of Chaplaincy Services Offered
The National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program funding gives our Chaplain the opportunity to spend more time with students, staff and the wider community. Our Chaplaincy services include:

- Providing a high level of pastoral care to students;
- Being a high calibre Christian role model, to lift and promote the Christian ethos of the College with students;
- Organising chapel services;
- Preparing and delivering sermons, messages and devotions of high quality in keeping with the Baptist theology of the College;
- Ensuring Chapel is a lively Christian experience that is age appropriate and challenging;
- Organising rehearsals for the Chapel band and choosing songs or alternatively working closely with the Chapel Band coordinator;
- Promoting humanitarian causes and other causes compatible with authentic Christianity;
- Seeking and promoting alternatives to “schoolies” for Year 12 students;
- Providing pastoral care for students and teachers. The Chaplain should have a good knowledge of issues that typically trouble students and should actively foster warm relationships with students and staff;
- Providing guidance to students with problems outside of an academic nature with wisdom and discretion and in keeping with the College ethos;
- Consulting privately with students either by appointment or referral;
- Maintaining thorough records of consultations with students;
- Reporting to the pastoral care committee and, where appropriate, the Principal;
- Actively pursuing and cultivating relationships with students and teachers which may include organising lunch time activities etc.
- Establishing contacts with churches in the local area and being an active promoter of youth groups through the minister’s fraternal;
- Keeping abreast of issues such as eating disorders, bullying, self-harm, depression and youth issues;
- Contributing to the Christian studies source materials for the Christian studies programme including daily devotional focus and the Christian studies of the College;
- Participating in the Biblical studies committee of the College;
- Attending College camps;
- Spearheading Christian initiatives in the College and creating Christian awareness;
- Running special programmes from time to time, which may include mission trips;
- Leading staff devotions when required

Complaints Handling and Code of Conduct
Our College has a range of practices and processes in place to manage the delivery of the Chaplaincy services which include complaints handling and ensuring that our Chaplain adheres to the Code of Conduct at all times.

Consultation on the program
All queries and feedback (including objections to the running of the service) regarding the chaplaincy program should be directed to the College Principal in the first instance.

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Minute of Support from Parents and Friends Association
The Parents and Friends Association acknowledge that they have been consulted about the College’s Chaplaincy Program and support the continuation of the Program in its current format.