

Chaplaincy Service - Parent/Student Consent Form

Dear Parent/Carer,

Ripley Valley State Secondary College provides a chaplaincy service, which is approved by the school's Parents and Citizens' Association and is available to all students. The chaplain is employed through Scripture Union Australia. Chaplains provide social, emotional and spiritual support to students and the school community and are inclusive of and show respect for all religious and non-religious beliefs and other stances represented in the school community.

Your child has been referred to meet, or has indicated interest in meeting individually, with the chaplain on a regular or ongoing basis. For this to occur, your written informed consent is required. The focus of these meetings, which may occur during lesson time or within the broader school day, will be determined by your child's needs, however chaplains are not allowed to provide counselling. If a referral to an external agency or service is required, the chaplain must have the approval of the Principal, Deputy Principal or Guidance Officer and your consent.

The meetings with the chaplain are confidential and the chaplain may record what happened or was said during the meetings. These notes will be securely stored at the school and may be viewed by the student, if requested.

There may be times when the chaplain is required to disclose confidential information provided by you or your child to the Principal. The Principal may be required to inform you, the Queensland Police Service and/or Child Safety Services. This would happen if:

- A person is at risk of harm, or being harmed;
- You or your child plans to, or is, harming;
- You or your child have/has harmed, or are planning to harm, another person; or a law has been broken.

Consent provided on this form will be considered valid for the duration of the chaplain's/ involvement in supporting you and your child unless this period is more than one school year, in which case consent will be requested at the start of the following school year. Consent provided may be withdrawn at any time by notifying the school principal in writing. The reason you and your child access/es the worker, and the outcome of any consultation with them, will not be disclosed without your consent, unless required by law.

Please complete the attached form indicating whether you and your child consents to ongoing individual meetings. If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact the school chaplains – chaplaincy@ripleyvalleyssc.eq.edu.au
Please complete, sign and return this form to the school office or email it to principal@ripleyvalleyssc.eq.edu.au

Yours sincerely,



Brendan Krueger

Principal Ripley valley State Secondary College



Student Name: _____

Year Level / Class: _____

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I consent for my child to meet with the chaplain

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I **do not** consent for my child to meet with the chaplain

Parent's/Carer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please print Parent/Carer Name _____

Privacy Notice

The Department of Education is collecting personal information about the student in this form for the purpose of recording consent for participation in one-on-one meetings with the school's chaplain or student welfare worker. This form will be stored securely at school and only be accessed by the chaplain the school's student support team and the principal. The personal information collected here will not otherwise be used or disclosed unless you consent, or the use or disclosure is authorised by law.

Information about the school's chaplaincy service is available on the school's website and through newsletters. Further information about the chaplaincy and student welfare worker program, including definitions, is located on the department's website at <https://education.qld.gov.au/students/student-health-safety-wellbeing/student-support-services/chaplaincy-student-welfare-worker-services>.

Office Use:

Retain original in the student's file and provide a copy of notice to the chaplain/student welfare worker.

Does the student/parent require an interpreter?	Yes ☐ No ☐	Has an interpreter been used to explain this information?	Yes ☐ No ☐	The principal has determined that the student has the capacity to make an informed decision about their participation in ongoing one-on-one meetings with the chaplain/student welfare worker.	Yes ☐ No ☐
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