



**Introducing Tracey Cooper,
Pastoral Care Worker**

- providing pastoral support to East Para Primary School
- linking families to community resources and services.



Tracey is at our school **Tuesday & Thursday 8.30-4.00pm and on Friday 1.30-3.30pm.** Her role is to

- pastorally support the school in its aim to be a safe and supportive learning environment and so Tracey contributes through involvement in a range of activities such as classroom support, camps, excursions, and lunchtime groups, and can provide support to individual students with the consent of their parents (see below)
- To link families to community resources and services by providing information about support and services provided through government agencies community groups including church groups.

Tracey does not promote nor discriminate on the grounds of any particular ideology, but works to enable a supportive, inclusive and caring learning environment within the school for all students.

Tracey's office is located in the main building opposite room 2. She can be contacted by phoning the front office or via email tracey.cooper995@schools.sa.edu.au or by putting message in her mailbox on her office door.

More information about the role and activities of Tracey can be found on the school website under Pastoral Care Worker or by contacting the Principal or Counsellor.

Consent for my student to work with the Pastoral Care Worker

Background

For many years Pastoral Care Workers, previously known as Chaplains, have worked in a number of South Australian Government Schools. These workers are employed and funded by the Federal Government, local Christian Ministers Association, local Inter Church Council or an ecumenical Christian group and operate with the knowledge and support of the local clergy. Their work is framed by an agreement between DECD and the Heads of Churches Schools Ministry Coordinating Group (SMG).

As you will be aware, as a result of the current government's strong commitment to Child Protection, much more stringent conditions of appointment and workplace processes now apply to all adults working with children. The current agreement in relation to the Pastoral Care Worker Program reflects this and requires that students must have written informed parental consent before obtaining individual, personal assistance from a person working in the school's Pastoral Care Worker Program.



Parents/Caregivers are asked to complete their child's name, tick Yes or No below, sign this form, and return it to the class teacher as soon as possible.

Student Name Room

I give consent for my child to

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| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Have one on one ongoing support (NON-RELIGIOUS) i.e. separation/divorce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Have ongoing group support (NON-RELIGIOUS) i.e. friendship issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Attend lunch time activities (NON-RELIGIOUS) i.e. art & craft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input type="checkbox"/> NO | Attend Christian activities i.e. Christmas play, Year 7 lunchtime program |

I understand that teachers retain over-riding duty of care for students in such circumstances. Therefore Tracey is required to confidentially inform teaching staff of all matters related to duty of care and student learning, health and wellbeing and will ensure my child is aware of the scope and limits of privacy and confidentiality in any conversation at which a teacher is not present. I am aware too that Tracey is a mandated notifier in relation to child protection.

I understand I can change this consent in writing to the Principal at any time.

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Parent/Caregiver Signature

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Date