



# Yearly Report

## St Clair OOSH Chaplaincy

**Keith Nolan**

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

The aim of the chaplaincy program at St Clair OOSH is to support the emotional and social wellbeing of the students, through the provision of pastoral care services. The program is funded jointly by the OOSH and St Clair Baptist Church.

The purpose of this report is to provide a brief overview of the work of the chaplain Keith Nolan, at St Clair OOSH over the 2021-2022 financial year. Keith has provided 240 hours of service to the school this year as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Keith's regular workdays are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and Wednesday mornings. In addition to these days, Keith is contactable outside of OOSH hours by email and mobile. Keith interacts proactively with at least 20 students per fortnight to build and foster relationship. Over the last year Keith has had significant or meaningful contact with approximately 10 of these students per fortnight, interacting with them about topics such as boundaries and expectations, their confidence in themselves, conflict resolution, identifying their goals and hobbies.

Students in need of support were identified in several ways. These include feedback from centre staff on a particular behavioural issue, and feedback from the centre manager of needs highlighted by parents. Keith also observes the interactions or lack



of interactions of students to further identify students in need of support. Staff and the centre manager have been an important part of this process.

Support was provided to students by Keith taking additional time for direct conversations with students, taking appropriate time to listen to their needs, and respond with empathy, insight and guidance as necessary.

Keith also engages directly with students in facilitating sports and games. This actively builds relationship and rapport with students allowing Keith to better identify those students most in need of support.

At times it was appropriate to make referrals back to the centre manager to assess if external referrals are necessary. Issues such as observed concerns over a child's physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing. Centre managers have a resource kit that they can draw from to help parents make decisions about next steps for care.

Keith has also provided necessary support to both parents and staff members alike. Keith has been able to observe individuals who were going through significant life circumstances or challenges and come alongside these individuals, helping them to explain and articulate their challenges, and to work through pathways forward and next steps towards resolution.

Throughout the school year Keith has been involved in several OOSH events, such as excursions, staff training and staff Christmas parties. This involvement has entailed attendance at these events and active engagement with students and staff to foster trusted relationships that allow individuals to feel confident and safe to share and explore challenges they are facing in their lives.



As part of his work, Keith has run programs to support the students. These programs include regular games and sporting activities where children have an opportunity to build physical skills and confidence, exercise leadership, and learn to encounter relationships and conflicts in a constructive manner. We intend to establish a homework club in collaboration with volunteers from the church. Additionally, Keith has run developmental programs for specific age groups focusing on anger management, teamwork, communication, and self-awareness.

Serving the St Clair OOSH by providing students and staff with support this school year has been a privilege. We look forward to continuing to serve the OOSH community, through the work of Keith.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Enoch Nagabyrava', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Enoch Nagabyrava

Leader

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