

Who employs our Christian Pastoral Support Worker?

Kate is employed for 11 hours a week by Schools Ministry Group, through the Federal Government's National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Programme, and with support from the following local Christian Churches:- Mt Barker Church of Christ, Littlehampton Uniting, Echunga Uniting, Mt Barker Uniting, Nairne Uniting, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Infuse AOG Church, St. Marks Lutheran, Mt Barker Presbyterian, Mt Barker Baptist, Anglican Parish of Mt Barker, Aldgate Baptist & Trinity Hills Church.

The School Pastoral Care Worker is jointly accountable to the Department of Education and Child Development through the School Principal, Schools Ministry Group, and the Mount Barker Ministries Fellowship.

A few facts about Pastoral Care Workers in SA schools

In a government school, the Pastoral Support Program is primarily a service of pastoral care for students and their families, who want this support. Pastoral Care Workers are not in the school to evangelise on behalf of a particular faith group. Their role requires them to respect both the secular character of the Government School and the variety of thoughts and beliefs within the school community.



Schools Ministry Group

The Schools Ministry Group was set up by the Heads of Churches to oversee and support Christian Ministry in Government Schools.

The Group consists of representatives from all the major Christian Churches and several youth and children's mission organizations.

SMG is responsible for developing policy, giving pastoral and resource support to over 340 Christian Pastoral Support Workers, liaising with schools and churches about the Christian Pastoral Support Program and organizing 'In Service' training for Christian Pastoral Support Workers in South Australia.



Pastoral Care Worker Program

Supporting our future generations



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A positive initiative that has emerged from encouraging community involvement in Government Schools

Introducing Kate, our PCW Worker:

We are delighted to introduce Kate, our Pastoral Care Worker. Littlehampton Primary School community has worked for several years to gain a School Pastoral Care Worker as this has been a priority on our Site Learning Plan. Originally the request came from teachers. This was endorsed by Governing Council and parents through a consultative process. A Pastoral Care Worker has training and special skills for working with young people and their families in the school community.

As our School Pastoral Care Worker, Kate Oglanby will :

- work in co-operation with teachers and the Principal to support students;
- be available to students as a listener, supporter and carer;
- be a support, resource and referral person for families in the school community;
- be a support, resource and referral person for teachers and other staff;
- work with others in the school and its community to develop services, programs, and strategies, that meet the needs of children living in our area;
- Work with local Churches and organisations to provide meals and practical support to families where the need arises.

Jenny Lewis, Principal Littlehampton P.S.

A little about our PCW Worker:



Hello, my name is Kate Oglanby and I have been privileged to be working as the Pastoral Care Worker at Littlehampton Primary School since 2013. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Youth Work and minoring in Counselling, as well as a Certificate 4 in Youth Work. I have extensive experience working with young people in a wide range of circumstances; from private nannying, to respite care through families SA. I am also trained in Positive Psychology, Childhood trauma and teaching Social Skills to children. I believe that there are strengths in all people, even strengths that are yet to be discovered. Through my work, I will aim to encourage and empower those I work alongside, to be able to see their own strengths and use them, to build resilience and self-esteem. I have used the colours of a rainbow to represent my values and the way I wish to practise in the school. They are as follows:

Relationships facilitated by building rapport
Organisational links and networking
Youthfully relevant
Genius, as every person has strengths and should be treated like one.
Bear: a safe, secure and trusted companion
Ideas, always fresh and scoping new opportunities
Validating all those I work alongside.

I have experience in leading groups in developing social skills, anger management and conflict resolution.

One of my favourite things to do is to listen to people's stories and to build relationships. I love working in the Littlehampton community.

Kate Oglanby will be at school on:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Kate will connect with students and parents and caregivers informally by:

- Spending time with and supporting children in the school yard
- Working alongside teachers and students in the classrooms
- Providing support to teachers and caregivers
- Accompanying classes on some excursions and camps
- Networking with surrounding services
- Working one on one (with permission) and groups on a needs basis
- Being at school during "special occasions" such as acquaintances night, showcase etc.

Students and parents/Carers may make contact with Kate by:

- Using the envelopes provided at the front office fill in message form and hand in to front office
- Ringing the Front Office to leave messages for Kate, who will ring back to make appointments.
- Speaking to class teachers and letting them know you would like some extra support from Kate