1.5 CHAPLAINCY/STUDENT WELFARE SERVICE*

Chaplaincy/student welfare is a service that complements the care offered by other helping disciplines and aims to assist school communities through the provision of help and care to support the personal and social wellbeing of students and the school community. Services and actions could include:

- Assisting school counsellors and wellbeing staff in the delivery of student welfare services.
- Providing students, their families and staff with support and or appropriate referrals, in difficult situations such as during times of grief or when students are facing personal or emotional challenges.
- Supporting students to explore their spirituality and providing guidance about spirituality, values and ethical matters or referring students to, or sourcing appropriate services, to meet these needs; and facilitating access to support agencies in the community, where applicable.
- Supporting students and staff to create an environment which promotes the physical, emotional, social and intellectual development and wellbeing of all students.
- Supporting students and staff to create an environment of cooperation and mutual respect, promoting an understanding of diversity and the range of cultures and their related traditions.
- Being approachable to all students, staff and members of the school community.

Supporting students, their families and staff of all beliefs and not seeking to impose any beliefs or persuade an individual toward a particular set of beliefs.

*INFORMATION FROM THE NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY AND STUDENT WELFARE PROGRAM GUIDELINES 2013

At Mary Help of Christians
the Student Welfare Worker is Mrs Carolyn Tumminello.

If you have concerns about the well-being of a student you can:-

* Discuss your concerns with your child’s class teacher.
* Contact the Principal, Assistant Principal or Student Welfare Worker through the school office to discuss your concerns.