



## School Chaplain Joshua Benjamins

Did you know that we have a Chaplaincy Service that is available to all our students?

What is a Chaplaincy Service, I hear you ask?

School Chaplains are in the prevention and rescue business. They help students find a better way to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to drug abuse, stress and anxiety. They provide a listening ear and a caring presence for kids in crisis and those who just need a friend. All have a passion to improve the lives of young people.

"When you have a chaplain, you always know there's a soft place for kids to fall," said a school principal recently. "In fact, the chaplain supports everybody in the school community. The students have someone to go to, and the parents and staff also have someone to go to." More information about school chaplaincy can be found on the Scripture Union page-https://www.suwa.org.au/schools/chaplaincy/

Joshua works Thursdays and Fridays. Joshua meets with students, staff and the wider school community to proactively promote positive wellbeing and provide a listening ear when times may be tough. He cares for every single person in the school community when they need someone to talk to and can provide information for professional wellbeing services. He enjoys meeting new members of the school community and building a strong supportive school environment for all.

Hampton Park has an opt-out system for students accessing the Chaplain. If it is your wish that your child does not receive support from the Chaplain, please send an email to the school office.

Joshua can be contacted by phoning the office on 9413 4200.