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The National School Chaplaincy Program

In October 2007 the Federal Government began rolling out its \$165 million, three-year National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP).

SU Qld believes the NSCP will ultimately result in the growth of an essential service for children and young people.

The initiative enables state schools around Australia to apply for up to \$20,000 per year to help support or initiate chaplaincy.

It is important to note that the program is only meant to be a contribution towards the costs of a chaplaincy service.

To ensure local chaplaincy services remain sustainable, the support of local communities is vital.

SU Qld supports the initiative by appointing, training and supporting school chaplains.

History:

School Chaplaincy has operated in Queensland state schools for nearly 20 years. The early chaplaincy programs commenced as an initiative of local churches developing partnerships with the secondary schools in their areas.

By the early 1990s Education Queensland decided to develop a formal policy around the operation of chaplaincy services in state schools. This policy included the need for the establishment of a local chaplaincy committee (LCC), convened by the school principal, but inclusive of community representatives to guide the chaplaincy service. If a chaplain was to be employed then the LCC would need to work with an employing authority accredited by Education Queensland.

Scripture Union Queensland (SU Qld) applied to become an accredited employing authority in 1993, and on gaining accreditation commenced employing chaplains when approached by local chaplaincy committees.

For more information on the National School Chaplaincy Program, contact the Department of Education, Science and Training on 1300 363 079 or check the website www.dest.gov.au/schools/chaplains.

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