

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Who is Your Dream School Programs?

Your Dream School Programs is registered School Chaplaincy Service Provider and Authorised Employment Agency. Formed in 2003 and registered as Not-For-Profit Charity, Your Dream School Programs has been providing services for Australian schools that aim to help young people overcome life challenges and live their dreams. Programs include School Chaplains, Student Wellbeing Workers, all-school seminar programs and Student small group programs (see SPARC).

Q. What is meant by the term 'School Chaplain'?

The term 'chaplain' is what the Department of Education (Federal and/or State) has assigned to workers who will be providing pastoral care to students within a school context. They work alongside the existing school welfare/ wellbeing and counseling services. All Chaplains support and serve all students regardless of gender, belief, culture or background.

Q. How long is the overall application process?

There is no set time period for the process however indications have been that applications and notification to successful schools should occur within term 4 of 2018. Applications will need provide the following:

- Evidence of community and school support of the program
- Focus on implementation of anti-bullying & cyber bullying programs
- Detail of the need for a worker in the school.
- How the worker will be part of the schools wellbeing strategy
- What will the worker be doing in the school (not counselling or teachers aid work)

Q. Can we change or select our Service Provider?

Yes. If you would like to nominate us as your Service Provider, you will need to notify your current Service provider and then notify the relevant Department of Education. Please contact our office for help with this process.

Q. What is the role of Your Dream School Programs?

We do all the hard work and support of the worker. We look after sourcing of suitable candidates while leaving the final decision of worker selection to the school. We are responsible for all insurances, salary payments, super payments and on going support for the worker. This leaves a school to simply enjoy having a worker ready to serve in areas of most need in schools.

Q. What is the role of the school?

The role of the school is to provide direction, support and opportunities for the worker to be as actively involved as possible in the life of the school. Our workers work best with students in 1 to 1 interactions and group programs but not class time support. Our workers support students during school excursions and school camps. Workers who are part of School Learning Support teams are most effective and a great impact in their schools.

Q. How qualified are the workers?

All workers must have a verified WWCC or Blue Card and meet the minimum requirements set in the funding guidelines by the Department of Education (Federal and/or State). The worker must have completed or commenced either a Cert IV in Youth work or Pastoral Care or an equivalent qualification which includes the two core units: Respond holistically to client issues & refer appropriately and Work effectively in mental health.



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SCHOOL CHAPLAINS & WORKERS

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

The National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) is a Federally funded program from the Federal Department of Education provided to local schools through State Education Departments.

The funded program is available to all Australian schools where their state has signed up for the program. The amount of funding per state is limited and application process is competitive.

The program offers schools that successfully apply an annual grant of up to \$20,000 (\$24,000 for remote schools) for 4 years (2019-2022).

Under the funding arrangements, successful schools engage a Service Provider from the list provided by each state Education Department, who employs the School Chaplain / Worker to provide up to 400 active service hours per school calendar year.

HOW IS YOUR DREAM SCHOOL PROGRAMS DIFFERENT?

Your Dream School Programs is different from other Service Providers in many ways.

- No additional or extra costs for salary except where schools or Local Committees choose to provide more.
- No additional course costs or additional required up-skilling for workers except where schools choose or Department guidelines change and require more.
- Total transparency in delivery of service hours through fortnightly reporting by workers with summaries sent directly to schools nominated contacts.
- No fuss recruitment process of sourcing and screening candidates for minimum requirements. School then interview best candidates and select worker that best suits schools needs.
- Statistics sent to school from worker time sheets of where hours have been spent, number of students served, issues faced and types of interactions which can be used for promotion or awareness of the program in the school newsletter or used to adjust the service to better serve school needs.
- Optional 8 week (1hr) student small group program called SPARC which equips students Social skills, Purpose, Awareness, Resilience and Confidence

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Below is a sample of the Application Process from start to finish. Once the school is approved and the worker registered, funding is released and the worker may commence.



STEP 1 - The School

After receiving the application directly from State Education Department, the school applies and if successful nominates Your Dream School Programs as its chosen Service provider.



STEP 2 - The Dept. of Education

Completed applications are sent back to the relevant Department of Education and then will inform successful schools instructing them to select a Service provider.



STEP 3 - Your Dream Inc.

Your Dream School Programs agrees to be the Service Provider and completes the provider school base agreement.

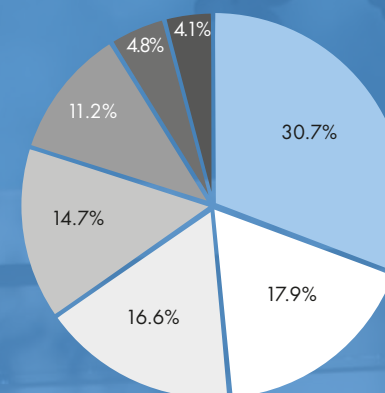


STEP 4 - Your Dream Inc and Worker

Your Dream School Programs begins sourcing candidates in line with needs outlined by school. Candidates are interviewed by school and after relevant paperwork completed by selected worker the service can commence.

For more information and clarification please visit:

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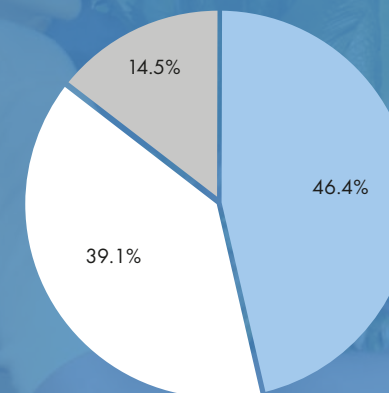


HOURS SPENT

- Classroom
- One on One
- Groups/ Programs
- Yard Time
- Admin/ Paperwork/ Reporting/ Prep
- Welfare or School Work Related Meetings
- School Community

WHAT DOES THE WORKER DO?

- Work with the existing programs/ services in the school.
- Liaise with school welfare team and counsellor.
- Work with local community groups/ services.
- Participate in sports, camps, excursions and other activities.
- Mentor and support students identified with higher needs.
- Provide support for staff, students and parents.
- Assist with student-led activities.



NUMBER OF STUDENTS

- Groups/ Programs
- Breakfast Club
- One on One