

Chaplain

What is a Chaplain?

A Chaplain is a spiritual representative within an organisation or institution. The Chaplain serves by offering pastoral care and spiritual support within the community setting.

Traditionally, a Chaplain is a spiritual caregiver who reaches out to anyone in need by providing social, emotional and spiritual support.

Role of the Chaplain at WCF

- WCF acknowledges the legal requirement to support the spiritual development of children, young people and their families in our Permanency Support Program.
- WCF acknowledges the legal requirement to support children's rights to practice their religion in conditions of freedom and dignity.
- The Chaplain is responsible for providing pastoral care and spiritual support to children, young people, families, carers and staff at WCF.
- The role of the Chaplain is subject to personal choice and is under no circumstances mandatory or enforced.
- The Chaplain is available to kids who seek to explore and develop their Christian faith. The Chaplain can meet for age appropriate one-on-one or group sessions.
- The Chaplain is available to support kids navigate areas of morals and ethics that they feel are of personal importance.

The Chaplain is available as an emotional and spiritual support to families and carers. We understand that changes to a family unit can be exciting but can also be challenging.

WCF upholds the wellbeing of our families and Carers as paramount to effectively caring for children and young people.

What does it look like?

- The Chaplain is available to meet with families and Carers as an additional support in an environment they are most comfortable in. The Chaplain is an active listener and does not stray outside the lines of the Chaplaincy role when others share information, cares and concerns.
- The Chaplain's primary role is to support the emotional wellbeing and spirituality of families and Carers. Pastoral care, spiritual insight and support are offered and always available to those who may want or need this support. The Chaplain is always sensitive to an individual's views and values when offering this support.
- The Chaplain is available as an additional support to families and Carers extended families in the event that they may want or need pastoral care and spiritual support. The Chaplain is available to perform funeral services upon request.
- The Chaplain is available for any emergency or crisis that may arise for families and Carers. The Chaplain is available for prayer support and spiritual guidance around grief, trauma and loss. Emergency supplies such as food and clothing can be supplied via the Chaplain.

