

# National School Chaplaincy Program

A snapshot of the program guidelines



## Section One: Overview

- The NSCP is to support schools to either establish a school chaplaincy service, or enhance an existing service
- Schools can apply for up to \$20,000 per year over three years
- It is voluntary - schools do not need to have a chaplaincy service
- The nature of the service and religious affiliation (Christian or otherwise) of the chaplain funded by the NSCP is decided by the local school and community



## Section One: Overview

- As per our state guidelines, chaplains are not permitted to coerce students into changing their religious beliefs
- NSCP recognises the unique spiritual and religious nature of a school chaplaincy service
- Schools and communities are expected to contribute funds to the service over and above the government support
- Funds can not be used to pay for services that have already been provided



## Section Two: Funding

- There are two funding rounds in 2007
- There may not be funds available in the program after the funding rounds of 2007 depending on the number of successful applications
- The NSCP will enter into a funding agreement in Queensland with either the school or a project sponsor
- SU qualifies as a project sponsor
- The state government, i.e. EQ, has decided not to act as a project sponsor, but individual schools can enter funding agreements



## Section Three: Stakeholders

- Principals need to nominate a person to be the Project Leader - this could be the Principal or a nominated staff member
- The Project Leader would work closely with the LCC in putting together the application and overseeing the management of the part of the program funded by the government
- The Project Leader does not displace the role of the LCC or the Chair of the LCC (though s/he could be the same person)



## Section Three: Stakeholders

- EQ supports chaplaincy, but will not be directly involved in the NSCP
- Schools may choose to use a Project Sponsor (SU) who would then become the funding recipient and be responsible for all the reporting and acquittal process with the Government



## Section Four: How to apply for funding

- Funding will be assessed against these criteria:
  - Community consultation
  - Community need for a chaplaincy service
  - Value for money
  - Cash / in-kind support
- Read this section of the guidelines thoroughly!
- Applications are made online through the DEST website



## Section Four: How to apply for funding

- Chaplains do not need to be identified at the time of application
- Applications will either be accepted or rejected
- A second application can be made if the first is unsuccessful
- No preference is given to early applications
- There are two funding rounds in 2007



## Section Five: Additional Information

- Existing services need to demonstrate how funding will expand and enhance their service
- Schools may collaborate (in fact, this is encouraged) and put in applications of up to \$20,000 for each school
- Schools need to have a risk management plan in place so funding can be used appropriately



## Section Five: Additional Information

- Funding for capital equipment can not exceed 10% of the amount applied for
- The Federal Government requires recognition of their funding on public documents (brochures, newsletters)



## Section Six: Project Management

- Funding will commence once a Chaplain is in place
- There is a three month period after the application has been approved for the chaplaincy service to commence
- The funding recipient needs to meet several requirements including:
  - Negotiating the funding agreement
  - An acquittal showing how the funds have been spent
  - Monitoring of the program
  - Progress reports / evaluations to demonstrate outcomes have been reached
- DEST has a right to withdraw funding if the program is not meeting their requirements