2021 School Chaplaincy Snapshot

A chaplain is a unique member of a school's wellbeing team, supporting students, staff and families through the ups and downs of life.

In addition to their primary role of pastoral care, chaplains facilitate many programs and activities, adding to the rich learning environment that the school offers its students.

Thank you to McCrindle for collecting and collating this data.

CHAPLAIN EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Certificate IV	11%
Diploma	15%
Advanced Diploma	6%
Bachelor	29%
Graduate Certificate	2%
Graduate Diploma	23%
Masters	14%

88%

of chaplains hold qualifications above a Certificate IV level

YEAR LEVEL -

Year levels of students who had a conversation with a chaplain. Chaplains support students across their school journey.

Years F–2	Years 3−4 T	Years 5–6 T	Years 7−8 ⊤	Years 9−10 T	Years 11–12
15%	20%	28%	17%	13%	8%

SCHOOL SECTORS REPRESENTED -



PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES =

Each term chaplains run **488** programs supporting **16,319** students.

Program breakdown (per term)	Participants	Programs
Community development	11,077	66
Social and emotional support	3,587	276
Role modelling and mentoring	513	33
Spiritual support	210	47
Other	932	66
Program breakdown (per week)	Participants	Programs
School support	3,736	136

A HOLISTIC RESPONSE TO COVID-19 ISSUES

Chaplains responded to the impact of COVID-19 on school communities by increasing their focus on particular activities.

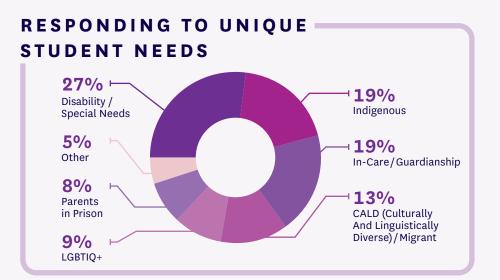
Encouragement / morale boosting for school community

Providing care packages/food parcels

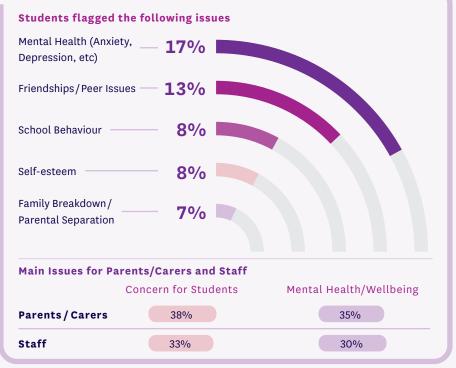
5	2	%	

During COVID-19, the following percentages of chaplains noted significantly / somewhat more

Mental health issues	84%
Interaction online	84%
Interaction via phone	79%
Family conflict issues	73%
Contact with parents/carers	63%
School behaviour issues	62%
Contact with staff	51%



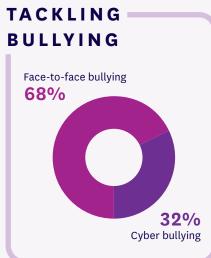
TOP PASTORAL ISSUES



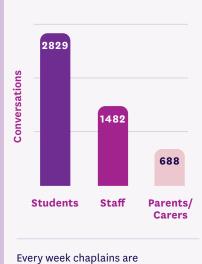
SOURCE OF REFERRAL =

	Chaplain	Referred by School Staff	Self-Referral
For Students	26%	37%	16%
For Parents / Carers	38%	31%	18%
For Staff	40%	27%	26%

FORMAL CONVERSATION OUTCOMES Ongoing pastoral support from chaplain Development of action plan Students 60% 13% Parents / Carers 57% 13% Staff 59% 19%



INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS



providing holistic care to school communities through planned and incidental interactions.

OFFSITE LOCATIONS Community Organisation

58%

Home Visits

25%

This data represents the work of 182 Korus Connect chaplains. The majority of the data was collected by **McCrindle** during August 2021 as part of a National School Chaplaincy Association (NSCA) survey.



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