



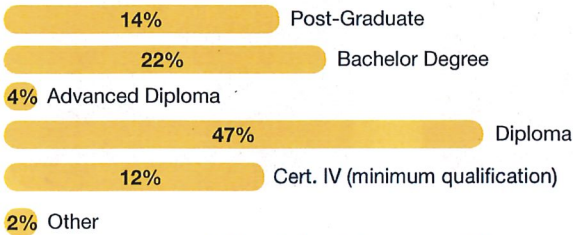
# 2019 SU CHAPLAINCY QUEENSLAND SNAPSHOT

School chaplains have been providing social, emotional, and spiritual support in schools for more than 28 years. Throughout 2018 we collected information on their activities and impact. We are pleased to share our findings with you.

## QUICK FACTS

### Qualifications\*

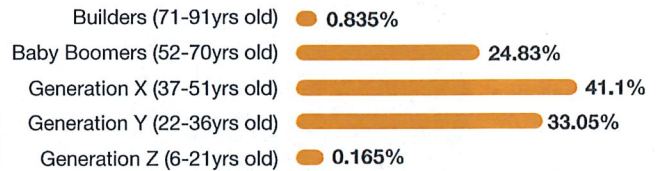
SU QLD school chaplains meet the minimum qualification standards set by the State and Federal governments.



87% of chaplains exceed the minimum qualification level of Cert. IV across Youth Work, Social Science, Education, Ministry/Theology, and other disciplines.



### Generations



### Did you know?

The average age of an SU QLD school chaplain is 43 years of age.

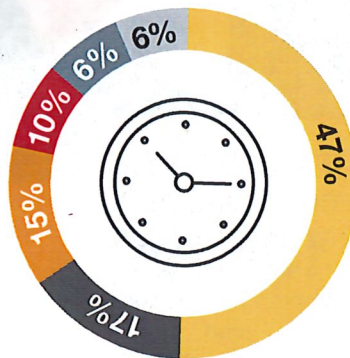
### Gender



## WHAT DOES A SCHOOL CHAPLAIN DO?

Chaplains in Queensland provide social, emotional, and spiritual support for school communities. They contribute to the overall wellbeing strategies and educational goals of our local schools.

Chaplains promote positive spirituality. They provide opportunities for students, staff, and families to explore their own spirituality and what it means to them.



### How much time do chaplains spend on each of their key role areas?\*

- Social, emotional, and spiritual support
- Educational support
- Role modelling and mentoring
- Extracurricular activities
- Community development
- Team contributions

## WHAT IMPACT DO SCHOOL CHAPLAINS HAVE?



"Chappy has encouraged my quest for knowledge. She has been a friend, a mentor, and is someone I will never forget."

— Lucas, Year 12

"Chappy Lauren helped me get through the grief of [losing] my brother...Chaplains are amazing and we need them in our schools."

— Faith, Year 9



\*Total 101% due to rounding



## WHO DO SCHOOL CHAPLAINS TALK TO?

In Queensland, school chaplaincy services are available and accessible to all students, staff, and families. Chaplains don't provide case management or counselling but complement other school support services by providing pastoral care support.



\*The average number of conversations a chaplain has per week is 39.71. Totals are rounded to the nearest whole number.

**STUDENTS**  
Chaplains have  
**14,739**  
pastoral conversations every week, which makes up  
**64%**  
of their pastoral conversations. In an average three-day week, a chaplain would have  
**25\***  
pastoral conversations.

**SCHOOL STAFF**  
Chaplains have  
**5306**  
pastoral conversations every week, which makes up  
**23%**  
of their pastoral conversations. In an average three-day week, a chaplain would have  
**9\***  
pastoral conversations.

**PARENTS/CARERS**  
Chaplains have  
**2992**  
pastoral conversations every week, which makes up  
**13%**  
of their pastoral conversations. In an average three-day week, a chaplain would have  
**5\***  
pastoral conversations.

## HOW DO SCHOOL CHAPLAINS HELP STUDENTS?



### Top 5 issues students talk to chaplains about

- 1 Friendship and peer issues
- 2 School behaviour
- 3 Bullying (face-to-face and cyberbullying)
- 4 Family breakdown / parental separation
- 5 Mental health

### What's the difference between an informal and formal conversation?

A formal conversation requires resolution, referral or follow-up. An informal conversation, though significant, requires no further action.

EVERY YEAR chaplains have  
**154,152**  
formal conversations and  
**435,401**  
informal conversations  
**WITH STUDENTS\***



### Meetings with other school-based support staff per week\*

