A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

SMG employs around 300 Christian Pastoral Support (CPS) Workers in approximately 340 schools

- 60% of SA government schools have opted for a CPS Worker
- The Chaplaincy program is a voluntary program offered to school communities
- Every CPS Worker has training and experience to successfully fulfill their role, and they are supported by churches in the local area
- School Chaplaincy commenced in SA government schools in 1986
- The average hours worked by a CPS Worker is 15 hours per week
- CPS Workers are currently funded by two main sources—the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program and contributions from local church communities
- SMG has a contract with the Department for Education and Child Development as the Chaplaincy Services provider in SA government schools

The Schools Ministry Group (SMG) coordinate and facilitate Christian ministry in South Australian (SA) Schools

We partner with local churches, schools, mission organisations, state and federal governments

- We work together with over 90 Combined Church ‘Support Groups’ across SA
- We partner with other Ministry and Mission Organisations in SA
- We provide training for CPS Workers and Children’s and Youth Workers for ministry with children and young people in SA schools
- We organise, facilitate and endorse seminars in primary and high schools

We are the recognised service provider for

The CPS Program is provided to our school in partnership with:

- SMG as the employer
- Eastern Fleurieu Schools Chaplaincy Support Committee
- the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program

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As your School Christian Pastoral Support Worker I will:

- offer a unique dimension of care and support to the students and school
- be a positive role model who brings genuine compassion, understanding and practical ongoing support to students and families
- work alongside and complement other welfare and wellbeing staff in schools

As your School Christian Pastoral Support Worker I will be here to serve and help you in anyway I can

I will connect with students and parent/carers informally by -

- being accessible in the school yard at break times
- supporting and working alongside teachers and students in classrooms, using my training and experience
- being available as an extra resource for teachers, to support extra curricular events and activities

Hi, I’m Andrew Eckert, the CPSW here at Callington Primary School.
I began in this role in Term 4, 2007.
I have a Diploma in Community Services (Children’s Services), having worked previously as a Coordinator of OSHC.
I also teach Piano and help with Music here at the school.

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