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My name is **Rhonda Miller**. I am a mother of two adult sons who are both now parents themselves which makes me a Grandmother! I have been working in this school as a Chaplain since October 2007. My background is in Banking, Hospitality, Administration, Sports Coaching and Counselling. Therefore I bring to my role as Chaplain a lot of life experiences as well as professionally acquired training and knowledge.

I am employed by YouthCARE, however I work in partnership with the Education Department within this school to assist in any way which will cultivate the personal and social wellbeing of students, their families and staff in need of social, emotional, mental, physical and spiritual support.

This is a very broad and varied role and a very enjoyable and rewarding one. I love the School motto 'Inclusivity ... Accepting everyone' because that is exactly what I endeavour to assist and support the school in achieving for each of their students.

I am available five days a week from 8.30am until 4pm on **Mondays to Fridays**.

Pastoral Care includes a wide variety of issues including health, social and values education, behaviour management and emotional support for people irrespective of their faith and cultural backgrounds. Chaplains often run and coordinate activities and programs that benefit the whole school community.

Chaplains assist students to address difficult social and emotional issues. They work within the school as a caring adult as part of a professional student services team by:

- Building relationships with students, families and staff
- Offering pastoral care
- Providing additional practical help for teaching and administration staff
- Offering input into spiritual and 'the meaning of life' questions
- Being a positive role model
- Providing links between schools and local Communities.



Rhonda Miller, YouthCARE School Chaplain National Schools Chaplaincy Program Mosman Park Town 'Citizen of the Year 2017'



Chaplains operate under strict guidelines set down by the Federal and State Government and within the framework goal of the Government's 2008 Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians. Chaplains undergo continuous Professional Development and Performance Management Reviews.

