Introducing Mr Kevin Murray ....

Hi, my name is Kevin Murray and I have the great privilege to be your new Chaplain, a role I share between Frenchville SS, Mt Archer SS and North Rockhampton SHS.

I have recently moved from Bundaberg to take up this position. I have worked in a variety of jobs from nursing to the military to youth worker. I am a strong advocate for young people and especially enjoy various sporting activities with young people. I have been married for 30 years and have raised 4 young men. I have experiences that reflect much of life but am always ready to learn more.

What is a Chaplain and what does he do?

The simple answer is pastoral care. My role will be as a support person in the school for the students, teachers and other staff, as well as school families and the wider community.

As a Chaplain I will be one part of the support team for students in this school as they transit through to high school and as such I will be working very closely with Administration, the Guidance Officer and the Student Services Team.

Referral:
A student can self-refer if they need someone to talk to; a teacher can refer if they feel a student would benefit from a chat; or a parent can refer if they feel that their child would benefit from meeting with someone who is neutral.

For further information on the referral process please contact myself or a member of the Admin team.

The school Chaplain can be contacted through the school office on 4931 5333.
As a school we recognise that young people and their families are facing many new and difficult challenges. Increasingly students look at the school for assistance in facing these challenges. Our staff, including our Guidance Officer, has a role in meeting student needs. We are now able to add another person to our support team—a school chaplain.

Many of you will be aware of the excellent work chaplains are doing in state schools. Highly positive feedback is received regarding the impact of chaplains on the lives of young people. The school chaplaincy program will add to our capacity to meet an increasingly complex range of student needs.

Frenchville State School is pleased to be able to offer a Chaplaincy Service to our school community, including students, staff and parents. Your support of this program will be greatly appreciated.

Education Queensland recognises Chaplaincy as a desirable addition to a school's existing support program. Scripture Union has been officially endorsed by the Minister for Education as an accredited employing agency for school chaplains.

The role of our school Chaplain ....

The Chaplaincy service at Frenchville State School will be an integral part of the school's caring and supportive network. Support will be given to staff and parents in fostering the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of our students.

The Chaplain will provide a listening ear and give compassionate support to children experiencing personal, spiritual and emotional issues.

The Chaplain at Frenchville State School may:

- Extend friendship and pastoral care to students, staff and parents
- Participate in the life of the school, including special events, sports days, camps, award ceremonies, interschool sport and assemblies
- Work closely with admin, teachers and other support personnel
- Assist with special needs and behaviour management programs
- Facilitate groups, events and activities with voluntary student participation, including lunch time activities
- Say the school prayer at school assemblies
- Coach sporting teams
- Be available to work with other support personnel in times of tragedy or trauma

Frenchville State School shares a Chaplain with Mt Archer SS and North Rockhampton High School. Our school Chaplain will service Frenchville State School on Tuesdays and Fridays.

In compliance with Education Queensland Policy and Procedure students require written parental consent prior to their participation in any school programs or activities which have religious, spiritual or ethical content. All families will receive a Voluntary Student Participation Consent Form upon enrolment. Written parental consent is also required prior to the commencement of any one-on-one sessions with the Chaplain.