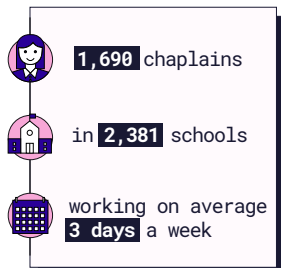


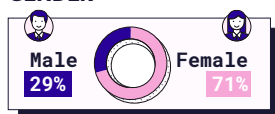
# National School Chaplaincy Snapshot

2020

## Quick Facts



### GENDER



### AGE

Builder (76+) **0.2%**

Baby Boomer (57-75) **25.9%**

Gen X (42-56) **40.3%**

Gen Y (27-41) **26.8%**

Gen Z (18-26) **6.8%**

### QUALIFICATIONS

Certificate IV	22%
Diploma	27%
Advanced Diploma	4%
Bachelor	25%
Graduate Certificate	2%
Graduate Diploma	11%
Master	6%
Other	3%



More than 3 in 4 (75%) chaplains exceed the minimum qualification level of Cert IV with qualifications in Youth Work, Social Work, Psychology, Counselling, Education, Ministry/Theology and other disciplines.

### WHAT CHAPLAINS DO

School chaplains promote social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing through role modelling, mentoring, pastoral care, structured activities and programs.



Social, emotional and spiritual support



Wellbeing outcomes



Educational outcomes

## A Caring Presence



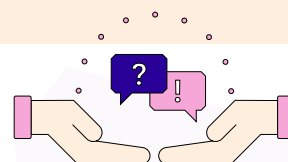
Chaplains are uniquely placed in schools to connect relationally with students and become adult role models and mentors to them.



Chaplains themselves are a protective factor for students. They take an interest in them through significant personal conversations about their everyday lives.



Every week chaplains have **31,420** informal conversations with students.



Chaplains also provide a caring and supportive environment for both parents/carers and staff through personal conversations.

Every week chaplains have **19,850** informal conversations with parents/carers and school staff.

## Pastoral Conversations



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



Chaplains engage in formal pastoral conversations with students, parents/carers and staff.

**14,593**

Chaplains have **14,593** formal pastoral conversations with students per week.

### STUDENT SUPPORT SNAPSHOT

#### SOURCE OF REFERRAL

School staff	45.4%
Self	24.9%
Parent	14.2%
Chaplain	12.1%
Friend	2.2%
Community organisation	0.4%
Other	0.9%

#### OUTCOMES

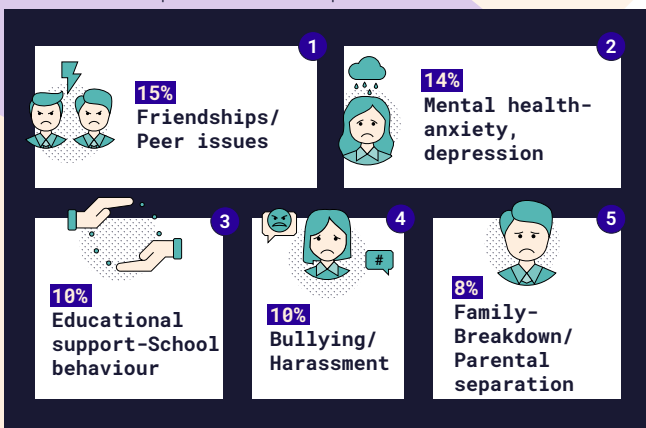
Ongoing pastoral support from chaplain	63%
No further action required	8%
Development of action plan	8%
Internal referral	6%
Advocacy	5%
Information given	4%
External professional referral	4%
Child protection reporting	1%
Other	1%

#### FORMAL PASTORAL CONVERSATIONS WITH PARTICULAR STUDENT GROUPS PER WEEK

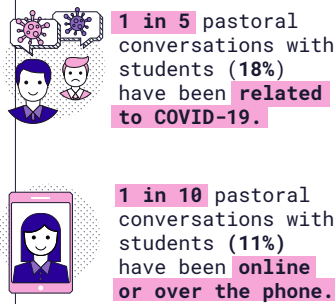
Indigenous	14%
Disability/Special needs	10%
In-Care/Guardianship of Department of Child Safety	8%
CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse)/Migrant	5%
Parent in Prison	4%
LGBTQI	4%
Australian Defence Force family	1%
Juvenile Justice	1%
Refugee	1%

## TOP 5 PASTORAL ISSUES

Based on number of pastoral conversations per week



### AS AN AVERAGE, SINCE THE BEGINNING OF COVID-19



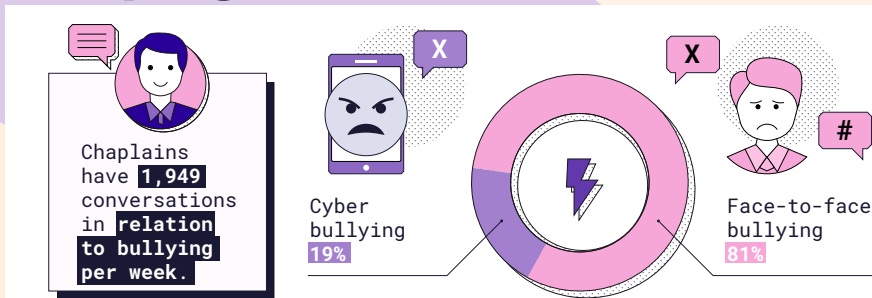
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meetings each week with school-based support professionals including guidance officers, counsellors, special needs coordinators and many others.

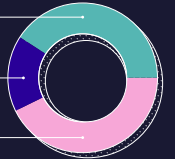
1,385

offsite visits each week to places such as homes, churches, community organisations, cafes, other schools, and hospitals. As an average, 15% of offsite visits have been related to COVID-19.

## Bullying



Verbal 43%  
Physical 16%  
Social 41%



4,126

students participated in 343 anti-bullying specific program sessions on average per school term.

## Programs and Activities

Chaplains make a significant contribution to the wellbeing of school communities through the facilitation of social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing programs and participation in extra-curricular activities.

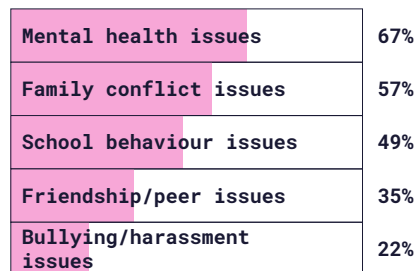
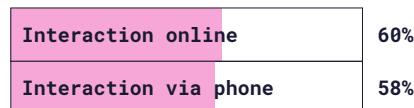
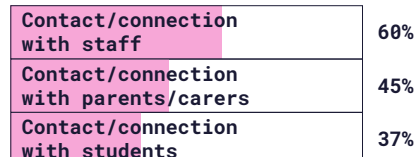
Each term chaplains support 348,626 students

running 26,128 sessions

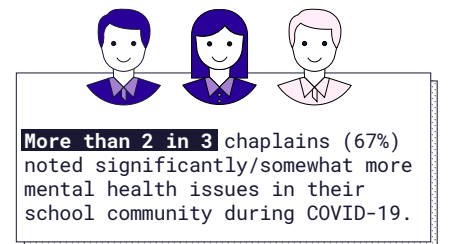
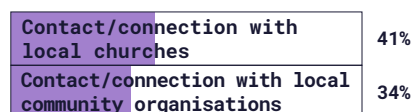
### PROGRAM BREAKDOWN per term:



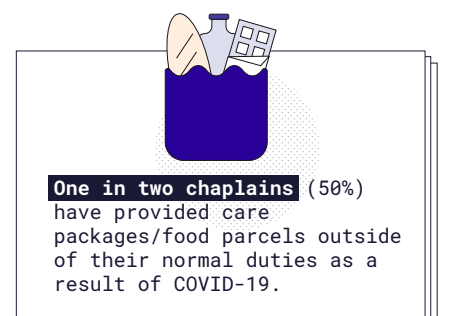
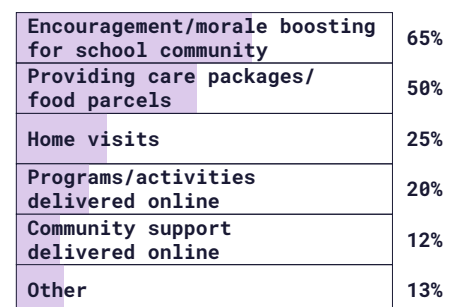
### DURING COVID-19, THE FOLLOWING PERCENTAGES OF CHAPLAINS NOTED SIGNIFICANTLY/SOMEWHAT MORE:



### SIGNIFICANTLY/SOMEWHAT LESS:



### PERCENTAGES OF CHAPLAINS WHO HAVE UNDERTAKEN ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THEIR NORMAL DUTIES AS A RESULT OF COVID-19



### Background information:

The National School Chaplaincy Association (NSCA) is a network of Christian Chaplaincy organisations in Australia. It is represented by Korus Connect (VIC), Generate Ministries (NSW), Schools Ministry Group (SA), YouthCARE (WA) and Scripture Union (ACT, QLD and TAS).

### Methodology:

The 2020 National Chaplain Census took place during term 3, 2020 when 1,148 chaplains completed the survey. The data presented in this infographic has been extrapolated from the survey data to match the total number of chaplains (1,690) in Australia working for organisations that are part of the National Schools Chaplaincy Association (NSCA).

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