# NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

**Chaplaincy Providers**

**What does a chaplaincy provider do?**

Chaplaincy providers recruit, employ, train, supervise and support chaplains appointed to schools. The chaplaincy provider enters into a National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) Provider Agreement with the Department of Education and Training (the Department) to provide chaplaincy services to Victorian government schools. Non-government schools may make their own arrange­­­ments with the provider.

Chaplaincy providers and principals work collaboratively to select a chaplain for appointment to a school and to negotiate and document a work plan which details the duties and tasks the chaplain will undertake in the school.

Chaplaincy providers will be responsible for paying the salary and other employment related costs for all schools chaplains providing services under the program.

**Who can provide chaplaincy services to schools?**

A chaplaincy provider is any organisation which:

* can provide a chaplain in accordance with the NSCP guidelines; and
* agrees to comply with Department’s policies and procedures (set out in the NSCP Provider Agreement).

The Department does not endorse any specific chaplaincy provider(s). Chaplaincy services are provided by a wide range of community organisations that can offer services to schools. Schools should ensure that any organisation they wish to work with is able to meet NSCP requirements.

**Who are the current providers? (December 2019)**

The Department has entered into NSCP Provider Agreements with the following providers:

| Provider | Website |
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| CatholicCare Melbourne | [www.ccam.org.au](http://www.ccam.org.au) |
| CatholicCare Sandhurst | www.ccds.org.au  |
| CCCVaT School Support Services Ltd | [www.cccvat.com.au](http://www.cccvat.com.au) |
| Centacare Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Inc | [www.centacareballarat.org.au](http://www.centacareballarat.org.au) |
| CHIPS (Christians Helping In Primary Schools) Inc. | [www.chips.org.au](http://www.chips.org.au) |
| Crossway Baptist Church | [www.crossway.org.au](http://www.crossway.org.au) |
| Discovery Community Care | [www.discoverycc.org.au](http://www.discoverycc.org.au) |
| Doncaster Church of Christ Inc. | [www.doncasterchurch.org.au](http://www.doncasterchurch.org.au) |
| Emerald Centre for Hope and Outreach (ECHO) Inc. | [echo.org.au](http://echo.org.au) |
| Generate Ministries | [generate.org.au](http://generate.org.au) |
| Grace Communion International Ltd | [www.gci.org.au](http://www.gci.org.au)  |
| Kardinia Community Services | [www.kardiniachurch.com](http://www.kardiniachurch.com) |
| Korus Connect | [www.korusconnect.org.au](http://www.korusconnect.org.au/) |
| Life! Central Services | [www.lifecentral.org.au](http://www.lifecentral.org.au) |
| onPsych Chaplaincy Ltd | [www.onpsych.com.au](http://www.onpsych.com.au) |
| Scripture Union Victoria | [www.suvic.org.au](http://www.suvic.org.au) |
| Shepparton East Primary School Cooperative Ltd | [www.shepeastps.vic.edu.au](http://www.shepeastps.vic.edu.au) |
| The Salvation Army (Vic) Property Trust Inc. | [www.salvationarmy.org](http://www.salvationarmy.org) |
| The Village Uniting Church, Mount Eliza | [www.mteliza.unitingchurch.org.au](http://www.mteliza.unitingchurch.org.au) |
| Torquay Christian Fellowship | [www.tcfnet.org.au](http://www.tcfnet.org.au)  |
| Werribee Baptist Church and Wyndham Community Benevolent Foundation Inc. | [www.werribeebaptist.org.au/home](http://www.werribeebaptist.org.au/home) |
| Young Life Australia Inc. | [younglife.org.au](https://younglife.org.au/) |
| Your Dream Inc. | [www.yourdreamschools.com](http://www.yourdreamschools.com)  |

These providers may work with one or more schools. Schools are not required to use a provider from this list.

Schools can approach any organisation to deliver chaplaincy services as long as the organisation can provide someone who meets the definition of a chaplain and complies with the NSCP requirements (see the [Victorian NSCP Guidelines](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/mentalhealth/Pages/nscpchaplaincy.aspx) and Frequently Asked Questions).

Government schools

The chaplaincy provider must enter into a Provider Agreement with the Department to provide chaplaincy services in Victorian government schools.

Each Victorian government school council must also enter into a Service Agreement with the chaplaincy provider. A template for engaging a chaplaincy provider is available on the Victorian NSCP website.

Non-government schools

Non-government schools may make their own arrangements with the chaplaincy provider or with the chaplain directly.