

## **National School Chaplaincy Programme 2016 - 2018 application assessment criteria**

Confirmation of a school's commitment to the National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP) is evidenced through completion of all mandatory elements of the application form, including the declaration.

Applications will be ranked on the following assessment criteria:

- school community support for the chaplaincy service within the school (pass/fail criteria). This includes:
  - the provision of details such as the results of school surveys, meetings, newsletters, community discussions etc. At a minimum consultation must have been conducted with the school's parent body or school equivalent.
  - an attached scanned copy of the school community consultation evidence. At a minimum, one attachment must be the meeting notes from the parent body or school equivalent confirming support for the chaplaincy programme.
  - details of the school community consultation plan (see NT General Information booklet), including how the school will review community support throughout the life of the programme.
- demonstrated need for the NSCP services (weighted criteria). This is determined through the:
  - location of the school (weighting of 15 per cent), based on the Accessibility Remoteness Index of Australia (ARIA) score against the school post code
  - disadvantage code for the school (weighting of 40 per cent), based on the Index of Community Socio-Education Advantage (ICSEA)
  - number of full-time enrolments in the school (weighting of 15 per cent)
  - proportion of full-time enrolments in the school of Indigenous students (weighting of 10 per cent)
  - number of existing student wellbeing services in the school, indicated by the school (weighting of 10 per cent).
  - statement of need by the school, including any attachments to evidence need that may be provided by the school (weighting of 10 per cent).
- demonstrated commitment to put in place appropriate processes (pass/fail criteria) to ensure that:
  - participation by schools and students is voluntary
  - chaplains may be from any faith

- chaplains must:
  - not proselytise
  - respect, accept and be sensitive to other people's views, values and beliefs
  - comply with Territory laws and policies in relation to child protection matters
  - meet the NSCP's minimum qualifications and requirements.