

June 21st 2022

Dear Parents,

RE: PASTORAL CARE AT ST CECILIA'S

St Cecilia's has a strong sense of community and values helping others in times of need. Pastoral care is a service we provide to support families facing unforeseen difficult circumstances such as a child or parent becoming ill or bereavement within the family. At all times the help provided is done so on a confidential basis. Families are encouraged to reach out to the pastoral care team directly, or if you know of a family who may benefit from this service we can approach them quietly.

Such assistance cannot be provided without the support of the wider school community and to this end we are requesting families to volunteer for our **Pastoral Care Registry**. Joining the Pastoral Care Registry is a great way of adding value to our school community and modelling to our children the importance of helping others. The current registry is out of date and we are asking all interested families to complete a new google form below regardless of whether you have done so in the past.

Volunteers are usually only called on once or twice a year (sometimes not at all!) and are typically asked to provide either a meal or lunchbox snacks that can be dropped off at the family's home or at the office if requested by the family. The food does not need to always be homemade; a BBQ chicken and some salad is just as helpful and gratefully received.

Once you have registered, an information sheet with more details including some meal ideas will be emailed to you. At other times we may ask for volunteers to assist with various forms of transport or dog-walking/respice. You may nominate which services you are happy to volunteer for on the following Google form. The type and amount of support each family can provide will be different.

If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact myself or Kate Sutherland – St Cecilia's Student Services and Wellbeing Leader using the contact details below.

Kind regards,

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