

A bit about CPSWs in SA schools

In a government school, the Christian Pastoral Support Program is primarily a service of pastoral support care, for students and their families who want this support. **Christian Pastoral Support Workers** are not in the school to evangelise on behalf of a particular faith group. Their role requires them to respect both the secular character of the Government school and the variety of thoughts and beliefs within the school community.

As a Christian presence in the school, the School CPSW has key Christian values, and celebrates the diversity of Christianity.

The Clare HS CPSW is jointly accountable to the Department of Education and Children's Services through the School Principal and Clare Valley Christian Outreach Inc.

Who employs our CPSW?

I am employed for 12 hours a week by Clare Valley Christian Outreach Inc. I am supported by the following local congregations:

- St Barnabas Anglican Church
- Clare Baptist Church
- Clare Assemblies of God Church
- Clare Uniting Church
- Clare Valley New Life Church
- St Paul's Lutheran Church

SMG

Schools Ministry Group

The Schools Ministry Group was set up by the Heads of Churches in SA to oversee and support Christian Ministry in Government Schools.

The group consists of representatives from all the major Christian Churches and several youth and children's mission organizations.

SMG is responsible for developing policy, giving pastoral and resource support to over 340 Christian Pastoral Support Workers, liaising with schools and churches about the Christian Pastoral Support Program and organizing "In Service" training for Christian Pastoral Support Workers in South Australia.

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CPSP is a positive initiative that has emerged from encouraging community involvement in Government Schools.



Dianne Kenyon,
Christian Pastoral Support Worker,
supporting Clare High School.
"I'm here for you."



Keep Smiling

**...supporting our
future generations.**

CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

Clare High School is fortunate to have the services of a School Christian Pastoral Support Worker, (CPSW). A CPSW is a Christian, with special skills for working with young people and their families in the school community.

As School Christian Pastoral Support Worker, I will:

- Work in co-operation with teachers, counsellors and the Principal to support students;
- Be available to students as a listener, supporter and carer;
- Be a support, resource and referral person for families in the school community;
- Be a support, resource and referral person for teachers and other staff;
- Work with others in the school and its community to develop services, programs and strategies, that meet the needs of 13 to 18 year old youth living in our area;
- Provide a Christian presence in the school on behalf of the local churches.



Introducing...

**Dianne
Kenyon**

Hi there,

My name is Dianne, but I also answer to my initial, "D". I live in Clare with my husband, Stuart and daughter, Jessica. We moved to Clare in December '98, just 2 months before the arrival of our bundle of joy and just 2 months after our 1st wedding anniversary. Stuart works in IT with Health SA.

I must confess I am a city chick, growing up in Tea Tree Gully, in the foothills of Adelaide. Having said that I am enjoying country life and Jessica is a country girl through and through with no desire to live in a city. I like to bush walk, Bush Dance, cross stitch and celebrate special occasions. I also like jigsaws, Sudoku, rainbows, drama and reading.

I am also a CPSW at Auburn PS and a Civil Marriage Celebrant.

**When?
Where?
What?
How?**

You will find me at school on Wednesdays and Fridays, 9:00am—3:30pm.

While I'm at school I could be:

- Supporting a learning program;
- Helping out with those time consuming tasks;
- Visiting a class;
- On an excursion or school camp;
- In my room at lunchtime where students can chill if they choose;
- Facilitating a small support group;
- With anyone who needs a "listening ear"; or
- Organising events and visitors to enhance the learning environment.

I am based in the office next to the counsellors.

When I am not there you can email me: dianne.kenyon@clarehs.sa.edu.au. I will give these emails priority attention upon my return.