

# 2016 NATIONAL SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY SNAPSHOT

## WHO ARE SCHOOL CHAPLAINS?

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS SUPPORTED BY CHAPLAINS

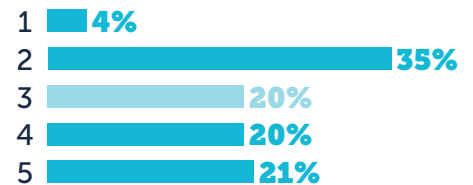
**2,200**



The average age is 44

The average number of work days is 3

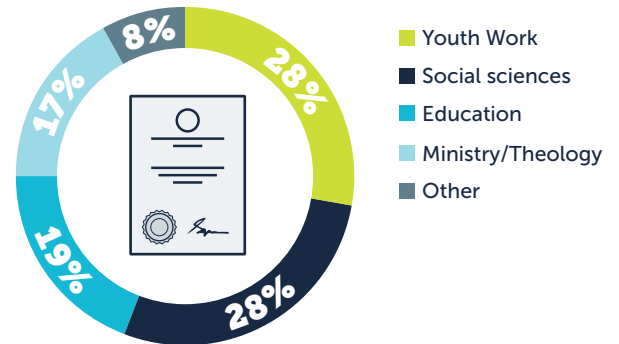
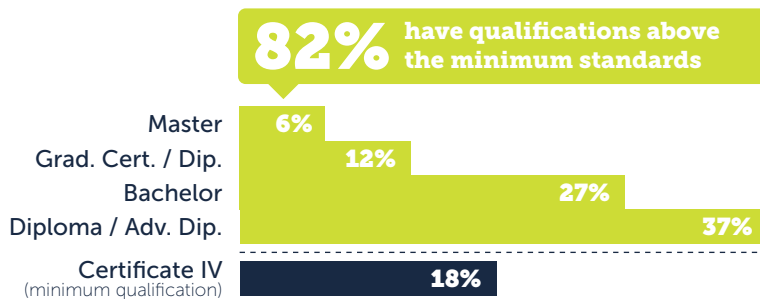
How many days per week are they in schools?



Gender



What are their academic qualifications?



## WHAT DO CHAPLAINS DO?

School chaplains promote social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing through role modelling, mentoring, pastoral care and structured programs. These dimensions of care enhance a school's overall wellbeing strategy and contribute to the achievement of a school's educational goals.

Social, emotional & spiritual support

Wellbeing outcomes

Educational outcomes

**EVERY WEEK** chaplains have **18,535** formal conversations WITH STUDENTS, STAFF & PARENTS

**EVERY TERM** chaplains deliver **37,460** program sessions

THAT'S AN AVERAGE OF

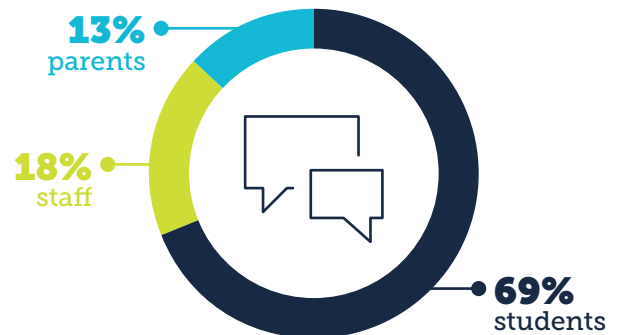
**8** student conversations

**2** staff conversations

**1.4** parent conversations

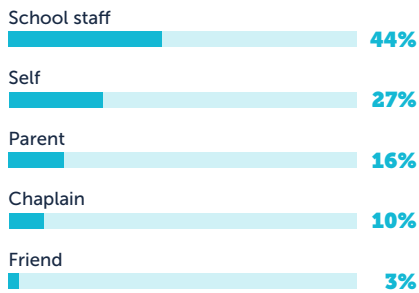
PER CHAPLAIN FOR EACH AVERAGE 3 DAY WEEK

Breakdown of formal conversations



These programs cover issues including relationships, grief and loss, family breakdown, bullying/harassment and school disengagement.

## Sources of referral

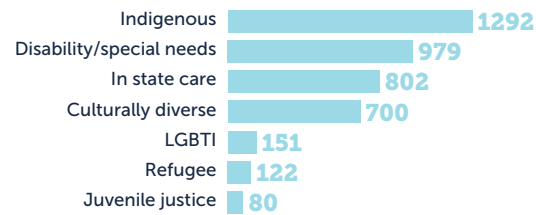


**EVERY WEEK**  
chaplains have  
**12,696**  
formal conversations  
WITH STUDENTS

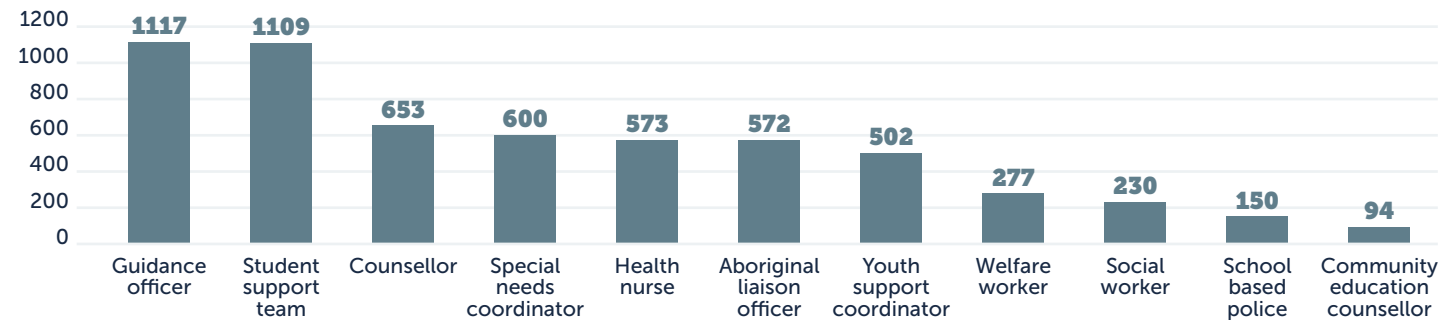
## Outcomes



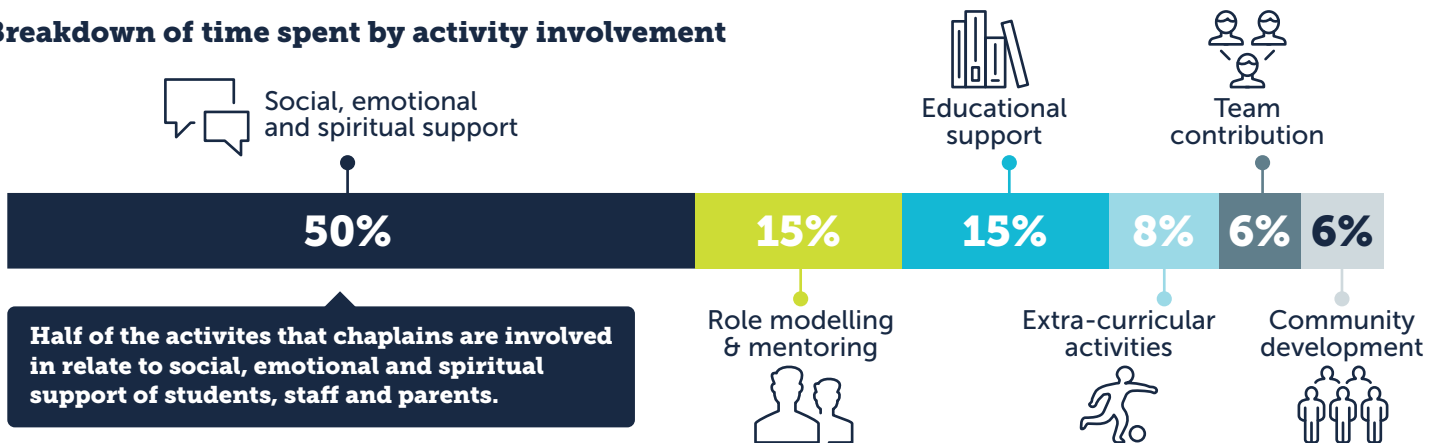
## Formal pastoral conversations with particular student groups per week



## Meetings each week with school-based support staff



## Breakdown of time spent by activity involvement



## Background Information:

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

## Methodology:

The 2015 National Chaplain Census took place during term 3, 2015 when 1179 chaplains took the survey with 1023 completes. The data presented in this infographic has been extrapolated from the survey data to match the total number of chaplains (1647) in Australia working for organisations that are part of the National Schools Chaplaincy Association (NSCA) at the end of term 3. The total number of chaplains involved in the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP) was 2851 on 27/8/2013. (docs.education.gov.au/system/files/doc/other/document\_for\_disclosure\_log.pdf)

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