St Joseph’s school is a Catholic community promoting excellence in education, and living the ideals of Strength and Kindliness in the tradition of the Brigidine Sisters.

**Chaplaincy Role**

The School Chaplain provides a vital link between families, the school and St Joseph’s Parish. The Federal Government funds the School Chaplaincy Program.

The role of the School Chaplain is to:

* be a friendly, welcoming, Christ-like presence, able to build up a sense of communion and reconciliation within the school and within the local parish;
* encourage the creation of an environment that is safe and caring of all staff and students;
* exercise the ministry of chaplain by striving always to work with others and be seen to be part of a team;
* ‘be available and be there’ for individuals or groups in the school community in need of pastoral care or support;
* Be confidential at all times;
* be active in building bridges between the school, the parish, the families, the wider local communities and other faith groups.
* organize meals for families requiring support;
* visit families of new students;
* visit families who are requiring some assistance;
* organize and be present at Playgroup sessions;
* to liaise with classroom teachers and Principal regarding children and their wellbeing,
* to administer the ‘Seasons for Growth” program when necessary.
* Be a point of reference for children who may need someone to talk to.
* To organize referrals to organisations such as Centacare, Beyond Blue, counselling services etc.
* To document family visits, support given to children and actions taken.