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CHAPEL

Peter Moyes Anglican Community School is a Christian School in the Anglican tradition. An important part of Christian life and faith development is the practice of community worship. All students participate in weekly Chapel Services at an age appropriate level. The Chapel Services follow an Anglican pattern and contain key Anglican elements. Having weekly Chapel Services enables the School as a whole and the students in particular to follow the rise and falls of the Church year, immersing the School in the pattern of the major festivals of Easter, Christmas, Advent, Pentecost and the other Sundays in between. In this way, the worship of the School replicates the pattern of an Anglican Parish, making the School a worshipping community within the Anglican Diocese of Perth.

Chapel Services provide the opportunity to offer Christian teaching and in so doing, provide opportunities for faith exploration and development. The Chapel Services include Bible readings, prayers, a short address, music, song and other appropriate content and teaching. Chapel Services are co-ordinated and lead by the Chaplaincy team. Students are encouraged to be involved in the planning and leading of Services.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten children have a weekly Chapel Service at 9.00 a.m. on Mondays. This Service takes place in the Western Foyer. The Chapel Service comprises accessible bible readings and stories, prayers and songs.

The Lower Primary students (Pre-Primary, Years 1 and 2) have their Chapel Service at 8.20 a.m. on Monday mornings. This Service also takes place in the Western Foyer. The Chapel Service comprises accessible bible stories, songs and prayers including Lord's Prayer and the School Prayer. The Primary School Chapel Leaders assist in leading this Service.

Upper Primary School (Years 3 – 6) have their Chapel Services at 2.00 p.m. on Mondays in the Allan Shaw Centre. Services consist of a number of songs, a Bible reading and a reflection on the reading, as well as prayers that include the Lord's Prayer and the School Prayer. Each year, a team of six Primary School Chapel Leaders is elected. These students assist in leading this service as well as the Lower Primary School Chapel Service.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School Chapel Services take place during Pastoral time on Mondays, from 12.55 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.. These take place in the Allan Shaw Centre. Services consist of songs, a Bible reading and reflection, as well as prayers that include the Lord's Prayer and the School Prayer. The Senior School Chapel Prefect assists in the leading of this service. Each week, a class is assigned to participate in the Chapel Service by doing the reading and the prayers. This is co-ordinated by the Chaplaincy team

in conjunction with Christian and Religious Education teachers. Ideally, this role should be rotated through the Middle School CRE classes.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Senior School Chapel Services take place during Pastoral time on Mondays, from 12.15 p.m. to 12.50 p.m. in the Allan Shaw Centre. The Service consists of songs, a Bible reading and reflection, as well as prayers that include the Lord's Prayer and the School Prayer. The Senior School Chapel Prefect assists in the leading of this service. Each week, a House is assigned to assist in leading the service. The Chaplaincy team co-ordinate this by enlisting the House Captains of the officiating House to organise the requirements for that week's Chapel Service.

STAFF CHAPEL

Staff gather for Chapel Services two to three times a term. These services usually take place at the beginning, middle and end of term. They may be Holy Communion services. This enables the staff community to participate in, and be supported by, corporate prayer and worship. These Services undergird the Ethos of our School. Attendance at these Chapel Services is required as part of our responsibility as a members of staff at an Anglican School. Other opportunities may be offered for staff prayer and worship. Attendance of these Services is on a voluntary basis.

HOLY COMMUNION

As an Anglican School, a central part of our tradition and worship is the Service of Holy Communion; the sharing bread and wine as Jesus did with his friends at the 'Last Supper'. Approximately twice a term, the Upper Primary, Middle and Senior School Chapel Services are Holy Communion services, thereby allowing students and teachers to partake in the Sacrament. Although the School is a Christian school in the Anglican tradition, many of our students and staff may be non-believers or may be from different faith traditions and cultures. For them, the celebration of the Eucharist will be an unfamiliar experience.

In Term 1, students in Year 4 and Year 7 learn about the Eucharist/Holy Communion in their weekly Christian and Religious Education classes. As a way of acknowledging the spiritual diversity within our community, after learning about what Holy Communion is, and following discussion with their parents, students make one of three choices. All students come forward at the time of distribution of the Sacrament. They may choose to receive the bread and wine, or if they do not wish to do so, they may choose to receive a blessing. If the student does not wish to do either of these, they may simply acknowledge the Adminstrant as a mark of respect of being in a Christian School.

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES DURING CHAPEL

The organising and running of the Chapel Services is the responsibility of the Chaplaincy team under the leadership of the School Chaplain. However, the role of teachers in Chapel is also very important. As members of the School staff, we have agreed to be supportive of the Christian Ethos of the School.

It is therefore important, that by our words and actions, we support the Chaplain in his/her role as a spiritual leader of the School.

You will be expected to supervise students entering, during and leaving Chapel Services. By fully partaking in the Chapel Service yourself, being attentive to what is happening and worshipping as a part of the assembled community, you are best modelling the expectations that we have for our students.

