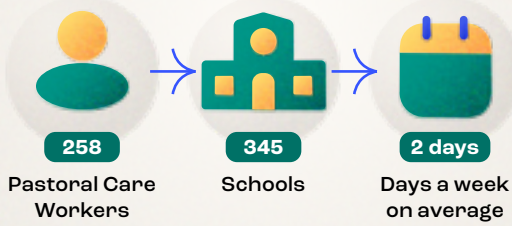


# SMG Snapshot

2022

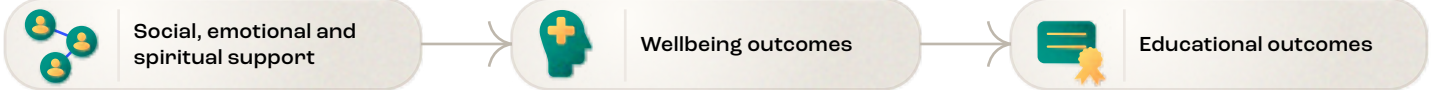
## Quick Facts



**Three in five** (59%) Pastoral Care Workers **exceed the minimum qualification level of Cert. IV** across Youth Work, Social Work, Psychology, Counselling, Education, Ministry/Theology and other disciplines.

## What Pastoral Care Workers Do

Pastoral Care Workers promote social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing through role modelling, mentoring, pastoral care, structured activities and programs.



## A Caring Presence

Pastoral Care Workers are uniquely placed in schools to connect relationally with students and become adult role models and mentors to them.

**Every week** Pastoral Care Workers in South Australia have **4,077 informal conversations with students.**

As an average, since the beginning of COVID-19, **1.1% of pastoral conversations** with students have been **related to COVID-19.**

Pastoral Care Workers themselves are a protective factor for students. They take an interest in them through significant personal conversations about their everyday lives.

Pastoral Care Workers also provide a caring and supportive environment for both parents/carers and staff through personal conversations.

**Every week** Pastoral Care Workers have **2,354 informal conversations with parents/carers and school staff.**

A formal conversation requires a pastoral resolution, referral or follow-up. An informal conversation, though significant, requires no further pastoral action.

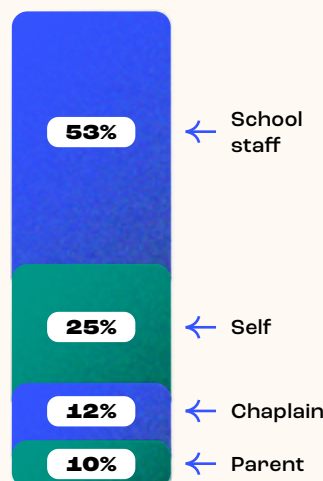
## Pastoral Conversations

Pastoral Care Workers engage in formal pastoral conversations with students, parents/carers and staff.

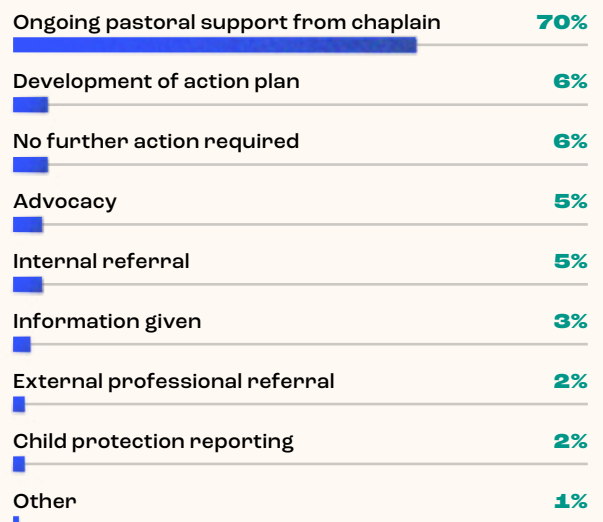
Pastoral Care Workers have **1,376 formal pastoral conversations with students per week.**

### Student support snapshot

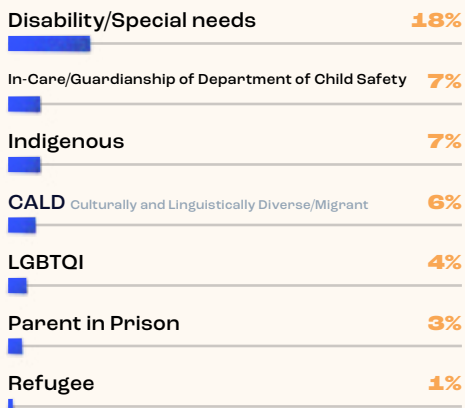
#### Source of referral:



#### Outcomes:



## Formal pastoral conversations with particular student groups per week



## Top 5 pastoral issues:

Based on number of pastoral conversations per week



Friendships/  
Peer issues



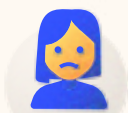
Mental health  
anxiety, depression, etc.



Educational support  
School behaviour



Self-esteem



Bullying

**812 meetings each week** with school-based support professionals including guidance officers, counsellors, special needs coordinators and many others.

**131 offsite visits each week** to places such as homes, churches, community organisations, cafes, other schools, and hospitals. As an average, 6% of offsite visits have been related to COVID-19.

## Bullying



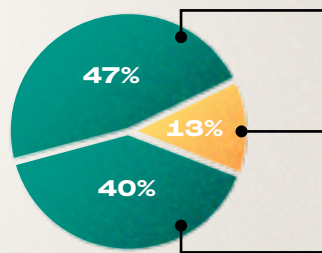
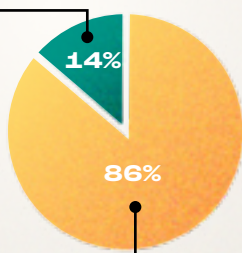
Pastoral Care Workers have **5,250 conversations in relation to bullying per year.**



Cyber Bullying



Face-to-Face



**3 anti-bullying specific programs** on average per school term.

## Programs and Activities



Pastoral Care Workers make a significant contribution to the wellbeing of school communities through the facilitation of social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing programs and participation in extra-curricular activities.

**Pastoral Care Workers have undertaken activities outside of their normal duties as a result of COVID-19**

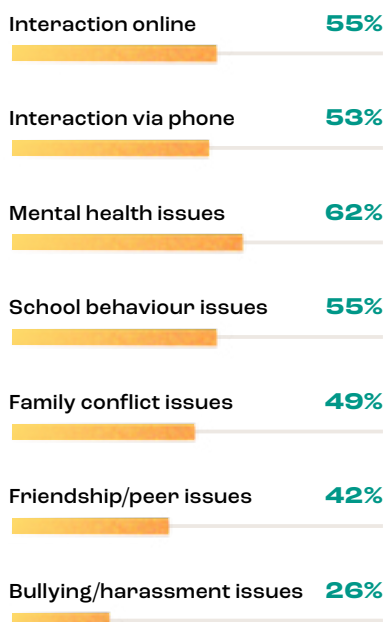


Encouragement/morale boosting for school community **47%**



Providing care packages/food parcels **42%**

**During COVID-19, Pastoral Care Workers have noted significantly/somewhat more:**



**Each year** Pastoral Care Workers run **3,728 programs** and **13,200 sessions** supporting **116,696 students**

**Program breakdown:**  
Per term



Social and emotional support

8,105  
474



Spiritual support

860  
27



Role modelling and mentoring

413  
53



Educational support

7,439  
243



Community development

12,359  
135

Participants Programs

### Background Information

Schools Ministry Group South Australia is a member of the National School Chaplaincy Association (NSCA).

### Methodology

The 2022 National Chaplain Census took place during term 3, 2022 when 172 SMG Pastoral Care Workers completed the survey. The data presented in this infographic has been extrapolated from the survey data to match the total number of Pastoral Care Workers (259) in South Australia working for SMG.

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