



BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT WELFARE WORKER

The Commonwealth Government provides a resource allocation to enable us to employ a Student Welfare Worker for 18 hours a week.

The student welfare worker will provide support for the school community under the broad headings of pastoral care, resource support and referral support.

Provide pastoral support by:

- plan and implement class based social development programs in collaboration with classroom teachers
- liaise with class teachers and provide individual and small group support to students
- supporting individual family needs by being available when needed, being able to access outside supports and generally be an advocate for families
- being available for students to provide an empathetic contact in the school, if the child feels the need for such contact.

Provide resource support by:

- seeking out resources that will support class and individual programs with a focus on supporting our Stop, Think, Do Social Skills program
- providing contacts and details for teachers and families to access supports that may not have been readily available
- working with teachers to support cultural, social and values education
- visiting families, providing a school to home link where appropriate
- working closely with class teachers to provide ideas, support and resources for disruptive students, with antibullying strategies and resources.

Provide a Referral role by:

- Being a member of the school Learning Support Team (a representative staff group formed to support individual learning and social needs)
- work with Government and Non-Government agencies

The school Student Welfare Worker is Maressa Derry and she is contactable on the school number 8278 7182 or by e-mail Maressa.Derry42@schools.sa.edu.au.

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