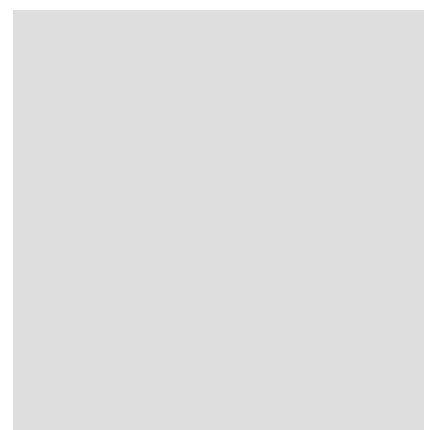




Caring for students

Supporting students and parents in our public schools



Students face many challenges and changes as they progress through primary school, and our experienced, qualified and professional staff can provide advice and support at each stage.

Our support staff

School counsellors, teachers, the principal and other senior teachers are available to help students and families. Aboriginal education assistants or community liaison officers can also assist where appropriate.

School counsellors

School counsellors are experienced teachers who have qualifications in psychology and school counselling. School counsellors keep information private unless they need to pass information on to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the student or other students.

School counsellors help and support students by:

- teaching social skills such as improving friendships, controlling emotions and avoiding confrontations
- assessing learning behaviour
- offering assistance to parents when making education decisions
- liaising with other agencies
- helping students and families deal with tragedies and disasters, such as bushfires, deaths in the family.

Students can refer themselves to a school counsellor, or may be referred by a teacher, parents or friend. If you want to speak with the school counsellor, please make an appointment at the school.

Other support services outside of school

Community Health

Your local community health centre can assist you with access to counselling for children and adults.

Telephone helplines

Lifeline

24 hour counselling
T 13 11 14

Mensline Australia

24 hour helpline for men
T 1300 78 99 78

Kids Help Line

A free and confidential telephone and internet counselling service for 5 to 25 year-olds.

T 1800 55 18 00

www.kidshelpline.com.au