

Chaplaincy

St Augustine's is fortunate to have the services of an experienced Chaplain to minister to the needs of the College community. Fr Laurie Timms is at the College from Monday to Thursday and celebrates Mass with the boarders on Sunday evenings and major College Masses during the year. Fr Laurie runs a sacramental program for College members to receive the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation), and is available for sacramental events throughout the College year. In consultation with the Director of Mission, the Chaplain leads the sacramental ministry in the College.

College members are welcome to speak with the Chaplain; this might be a friendly conversation or an exploration of an issue that a student might like to raise. The Chaplain is not a counsellor but he is still able and willing to provide a listening ear to any student, staff member or parent who wishes to have a chat.

As part of the Health and Wellbeing Centre staff, the Chaplain strives to be a positive, non-judgemental and friendly presence throughout the College, towards students and staff and extended families. He works closely with the boarding staff to provide a supportive role in the boarding community. The Chaplain's office is rightfully situated within the Health and Wellbeing Centre and College members are encouraged to access his wisdom and experience of pastoral ministry.

Being ordained, the Chaplain can provide leadership in the liturgical parts of school life, as well as being available outside of school for officiating at weddings, baptisms and funerals as required. Staff and students may seek out the Chaplain for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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