PASTORAL CARE WORKER - CONSENT FORM

Providing pastoral support to our school and linking families to community resources and services

The Pastoral Care Worker’s role is to:

- Pastorally support the school in its aim to be a safe and supportive learning environment and so the Pastoral Care Worker contributes through involvement in a range of activities including classroom activities, excursions, Friendship Groups and lunchtime activities, and can provide support to individual students with the consent of their parents.

- To link families to community resources and services by providing information about support and services provided through community groups, including church groups.

The Pastoral Care Worker does not promote nor discriminate on the grounds of any particular ideology, but works to enable to a supportive, inclusive and caring learning environment within the school for all students.

As you will be aware, as a result of the current government’s strong commitment to Child Protection, much more stringent conditions of appointment and workplace processes now apply to all adults working with children. The current agreement in relation to the Pastoral Care Worker Program reflects this and requires that students must have written, informed parental consent before obtaining individual, personal assistance from a person working in the school’s Pastoral Care Worker Program. Accordingly, can you please tick the boxes below to indicate that you give consent for your child to work with our Pastoral Care Worker and in which capacities, and return this form as soon as possible to the Front Office.

I give consent for my child ___________________________ to interact with our Pastoral Care Worker at Pimpala Primary School in the following ways:

- Seek and obtain individual personal assistance □ Yes □ No
- Interact in classroom and lunchtime activities □ Yes □ No

I understand that teachers retain an over-riding duty of care for students in such circumstances. Therefore, the Pastoral Care Worker is required to confidentially inform teaching staff of all matters related to duty of care and student learning, health and wellbeing and will ensure my child is aware of the scope and limits of privacy and confidentiality in any conversation at which a teacher is not present. I am aware too that the Pastoral Care Worker is a mandated notifier in relation to child protection.

I understand I can change this consent in writing to the Principal at any time.

____________________________________ PARENT NAME
____________________________________ PARENT SIGNATURE
_____/_____/_____ DATE