



# CHAPEL POLICY

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## Purpose

Peter Moyes Anglican Community School (the School) follows in the Anglican tradition. An important part of Christian life and faith development at our School is the practice of community worship. Chapel Services follow an Anglican pattern and contain key Anglican elements. Having weekly Chapel Services enables the School as a whole and the students in particular to follow the rise and falls of the Church year, immersing the School in the pattern of the major festivals of Easter, Christmas, Advent, Pentecost and the other Sundays in between. In this way, the worship of the School replicates the pattern of an Anglican Parish, making the School a worshipping community within the Anglican Diocese of Perth.

Chapel Services provide the opportunity to offer Christian teaching and in so doing, provide opportunities for faith exploration and development. Chapel Services include Bible readings, prayers, a short address, music, song and other appropriate content and teaching. Services are co-ordinated and lead by the Chaplaincy team. Students are encouraged to be involved in the planning and leading of Services.

St Gregory's Chapel is the spiritual heart of the School and is our main place of worship. The Chapel accommodates approximately 400 people. As such, we are able to hold Lower Primary and Upper Primary services. Secondary School services are held in Year Groups or a combination of House Connect groups. All regular weekly Chapel services take place in St Gregory's Chapel. Special services such as ANZAC day, Easter and others, are held in the Allan Shaw Centre as this has a larger capacity. The Chapel is open to Parents/Guardians at special year cohort events such as the Valedictory Chapel service.

As an Anglican School, a central part of our tradition and worship is the Service of Holy Communion; the sharing bread and wine as Jesus did with his friends at the 'Last Supper'. Approximately twice a term, Upper Primary and Secondary School Chapel Services will be Holy Communion services, thereby allowing students and teachers to partake in the Sacrament. Although the School is a Christian school in the Anglican tradition, many of our students and staff may be non-believers or may be from different faith traditions and cultures.

The organising and running of the Chapel Services is the responsibility of the Chaplaincy team. However, the role of teachers in Chapel is also very important. As members of the School staff, we have agreed to be supportive of the Anglican Christian Ethos of the School. It is therefore important that, by our words and actions, we support the Chaplain in their role as a spiritual leader of the School.

Staff are expected to supervise students entering and leaving Chapel, as well as through the Service. By fully partaking in the Chapel Service themselves, being attentive to what is happening, and worshipping as a part of the assembled community, staff model the expectations that we have for our students.

## Related Documents

Chapel Booking Guidelines  
Chapel Booking form  
Chaplaincy in AngliSchools