

# TERMS OF REFERENCE - NSCP CROSS SECTOR PANEL

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## 1. Background

As part of the 2018/2019 Federal Budget, the Australian Government allocated \$247 million over four years to renew the National School Chaplaincy Program (NSCP). The NSCP supports the wellbeing of school students through the delivery of pastoral care services and strategies to students and other members of the school community.

The Tasmanian Government has agreed to administer the NSCP on behalf of the Australian Government, as it has done for the past four years. Tasmania's share of funding is \$2.22 million per annum. The NSCP will provide chaplaincy services to selected schools for the 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 school years.

NSCP funding is allocated across the government, Catholic, and independent school sectors based on enrolment share.

## 2. Purpose

It is a requirement of the NSCP Project Agreement for Tasmania to establish a National School Chaplaincy Program Cross Sector Panel to select and prioritise schools for funding for the length of the NSCP.

## 3. Term

The Terms of Reference are effective from the start of the 2019 school year and will be ongoing until the end of the 2022 school year, unless terminated by agreement between the parties.

## 4. Role

The Cross Sector Panel (consisting of government, Catholic, and independent school representatives) selects and prioritises schools for NSCP funding by:

- providing a list of schools in each sector nominated for funding;
- confirming Tasmania's list of nominated NSCP funded schools; and
- providing nominations for alternative schools to receive funding should a school withdraw from participation in the NSCP.

## 5. Responsibilities

Members of the Cross Sector Panel:

- represent the interests of their sector in the context of contributing to the role of the panel;
- provide advice to ensure the NSCP is administered in their sector;
- understand outputs of the NSCP; and
- contribute the time needed to select and prioritise schools for funding.

Each sector assesses its school applications and forwards their proposed list of participating schools to the National School Chaplaincy Program Cross Sector Panel.

Each sector manages its own assessment processes, including developing sector-specific application forms and setting sector-specific opening and closing dates for applications. A school's participation is confirmed following State endorsement of the Tasmanian list of schools.

The Panel can meet out-of-session or face-to-face if required.

## 6. Membership

Jenny Burgess	Chair, Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Performance, Department of Education
Anita Griffin	Director, Strategic Policy and Planning, Department of Education
Gerard Gaskin	Director, Learning and Teaching Catholic Education Tasmania
Juliana Shea	Manager, Finance & Administration, Independent Schools Tasmania

## 7. Chair

The Chair of the Cross Sector Panel is the Deputy Secretary, Strategy and Performance, Department of Education. The Strategy and Performance division assumes overall coordination of the administration of the NSCP in Tasmanian schools.

A representative from each sector is nominated by the relevant governing authority.