**Chaplaincy Services** provide spiritual, ethical and personal support to school communities. SU Qld Chaplains provide positive adult role models for students. Chaplains are present in schools at the invitation of the Principal, in consultation with the local community, and with the support of the P&C Association.

**What does a School Chaplain do?**

A School Chaplain is a safe person for young people to connect with at school and provides a listening ear, caring presence, and a message of hope. Chaplains run positive, fun activities for students and assist in fostering supportive, caring school communities.

Working with other members of the school’s staff, the Chaplain cares for students struggling with issues such as difficult relationships with other children or family members, poor self-esteem, family breakdown, and depression.

The partnership between the school and the Chaplaincy Service, supported by local churches, businesses and community organisations, provides a network of local support and assistance. These positive relationships help young people to face difficult issues, and provide hope, connection, meaning and purpose.

The Chaplaincy Service is available to everyone in the school community regardless of their religious beliefs.

**Who is the Severnlea State School Chaplain?**

Chasely Paech has commenced the role of Chaplain in our school in Term 4 2012. Chasely grew up in Severnlea and was a student at Severnlea State School during the 80’s. She was previously a Speech-Language Pathologist and has recently resettled in the Granite Belt after living in Kazakhstan for seven years where she was involved in Humanitarian Aid Work.

**What will Chaplaincy look like at Severnlea State School in 2013?**

During 2013 Chasely will assist in the classroom and playground, run social emotional learning activities, attend school excursions, liaise with outside community members to provide skills and mentoring to help the students complete projects e.g. Men’s Shed. She will also focus on getting to know the Severnlea community better through the being involved in the P&C and fundraisers.

Students may request to see Chasely on an individual basis for support in personal matters if parents/guardians have previously given consent.

**Will my child be involved?**

Involvement with the Chaplain is entirely voluntary and students choose whether or not they want to be part of the activities that are offered. Parents will be consulted if their child wishes to be involved in ongoing one-to-one meetings with the Chaplain or in any programme or group involving spiritual or ethical content. Parents have the right to refuse permission for their child to be involved in any Chaplaincy activity or event.

**How can I contact the Chaplain?**

Chasely is available on Tuesdays 8:15am-3:30pm and can be contacted on (07) 835 362 to arrange an appointment if required.