

Frequently asked questions



What do we do?

Your Dream School Programs is a registered Student Wellbeing Service Provider and Authorised Employment Agency. Your Dream School Programs provides services for Australian schools that aim to help young people overcome life challenges and live their dreams.



What is meant by the term 'School Chaplain/ Student Wellbeing Officer'?

There is no religious attachment and the term 'chaplain' is what the Department of Education (Federal and/or State) has assigned to workers who will be providing pastoral care to students within a school context. They work alongside the existing school welfare/wellbeing services. All Student Wellbeing Officers/ Chaplains support and serve all students regardless of gender, belief, culture or background.



What is the role of Your Dream School Programs?

We recruit suitable candidates while leaving the final decision of worker selection to the school. We are responsible for all insurances, salary and super payments and ongoing support for the worker. This leaves a school to simply enjoy having a worker ready to serve in areas of most need in school.



What is the role of the school?

The role of the school is to provide direction, support and opportunities for the worker to be as actively involved as possible in the life of the school. Our workers work best with students in 1 to 1 interactions and group programs rather than class time support. Our workers support students during school excursions and school camps. Workers who are a part of School Learning Support teams or Wellbeing teams are generally more effective and have a greater impact in their schools.



How qualified are the workers?

All workers must meet the minimum requirements set in the funding guidelines by the Department of Education (Federal and/or State). The worker must have completed either a Cert IV in Youth work or Pastoral Care/Chaplaincy or an equivalent qualification which includes the three core units: 'Respond to Client needs', 'Work with people with mental health issues' & 'Provide loss and grief support'.

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Student Wellbeing Officer

How does the program work?

STEP 1 - Applications

When applications are open for a new funding round schools need to apply and submit their application to Department of Education. Successful schools will be notified.



STEP 2 - The School

After receiving confirmation a school is successful for the NSW funding the school nominates a Service Provider.



STEP 3 - Your Dream School Programs

Your Dream School Programs agrees to be the Service Provider and completes the provider school based agreement.



STEP 4 - Your Dream Inc and Worker

Your Dream School Programs begins sourcing candidates in line with needs outlined by the school and relevant documentation outlined by State Dept of Ed. Candidates are interviewed by school and school chooses worker. Once all employee paperwork is completed the worker can commence in the role.

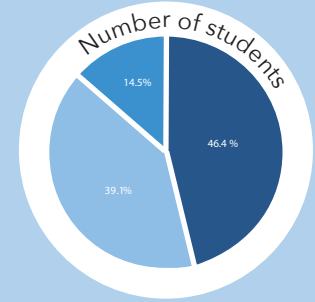
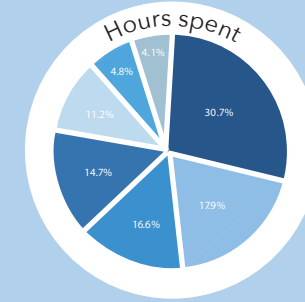


How is Your Dream different?

Your Dream School Programs is different from other Service Providers in many ways.

- No additional or extra costs for salary except where schools or Local Committees choose to provide more.
- No additional course costs or additional required up-skilling for workers except where schools choose or Department guidelines change or require more.
- Total transparency in delivery of service hours through fortnightly reporting by workers with summaries sent directly to a schools nominated contacts.
- No fuss recruitment process of sourcing and screening candidates for minimum requirements. School then interviews the best candidates and selects the worker that best suits their needs.
- Statistics sent to school from worker timesheets of where hours have been spent, number of students served, issues faced and awareness. Stats can be used to build awareness of the program in the school or used to adjust the service to better serve school needs.

Your Dream Outcomes



- 30.7% Groups/Programs
- 17.9% One on One Support
- 16.6% Classroom Support
- 14.7% Yard Time
- 11.2% Admin/Paperwork
- 4.8% Welfare Meetings
- 4.1% School Community

- 46.4% Groups/Programs
- 39.1% Breakfast Club
- 14.5% One on One

What does the worker do?

- Work with the existing programs/services in the school.
- Liaise with school welfare team and counsellor.
- Work with local community groups/services.
- Participate in camps, excursions and other activities.
- Mentor and support students identified with higher needs.
- Provide support for staff, students and parents.
- Assist with student-led activities.

