

## Outdoor Education

When the students are in Year 5 they get to spend an hour a week in a small group enhancing their social and leadership skills in an outdoor education group. Team games and problem solving puzzles are used to

learn about skills such as respect, honesty, team work, encouragement, humility, and generosity.



## Smartpups

The chaplaincy program partners with smartpups and regularly Vicki brings a dog to school who is training to be an assistance dog for children with special needs. This program educates the students about the important work assistance dogs do and allows the children to become volunteers by helping train the dogs to excel in a school environment.

As part of her role at school Vicki also takes part in sports days, excursions, camps and classroom activities on a regular basis. She networks with local churches and community services to help the needs within the school to be met.

The chaplaincy service is constantly looking for the needs within the school community and in conjunction with the school staff and other community groups working to meet those needs.

If you would like to contact the chaplain for an appointment please phone the school office on 54563333 or email Vicki on : [velan1@eq.edu.au](mailto:velan1@eq.edu.au)



## Chaplaincy at Mapleton State School



## Meet Your Chappy!

A school chaplaincy program exists to meet social, emotional and spiritual needs within a school community. At Mapleton State School our chaplains name is Vicki Eland. The students call her Mrs Eland. She has been working as chaplain at our school for over 5 years. She has a background in teaching, outdoor education, counselling and community services. Most of the work she does could not be done without a strong emphasis on building relationships within the school community.



## Pastoral Care

Sometimes we all need someone to talk to when we are going through difficulties within our lives. As part of her role as chaplain at school Vicki is available to be a listening ear. Students, parents and school staff all can access one on one time with Vicki and talk over issues that are concerning them. Some of the issues that have come up are mental health, grief and loss, bullying and friendship, financial problems, addiction, spiritual exploration or family breakup. Often Vicki is the first point of call and she is able to help the students, school staff or parents to find other sources of help.

## Chaplaincy Programs

Vicki also works with small groups of students who have a common concern. For those children who have experienced loss of a family member or a divorce/separation within their family a group called Seasons for Growth helps the children work through common issues experienced. When children are finding it hard to control feelings such as anger or anxiety the BEAR skills can be taught to help enhance their self-regulation skills. How to get and keep friends is explored in Friendship group. To help prepare our year six students for high school Vicki works with the year six teachers to run a transition program.

