

Pastoral Care Worker at Linden Park Primary School

Information for students and their families

We welcome back Ashlee Beecroft as Linden Park's Pastoral Care Worker (PCW). Ashlee is employed through Centacare and works at the school on Fridays. She is located in the Wellbeing Room, situated next to Room 20.



About Pastoral Care Workers at Linden Park Primary School

Department for Education schools use third party service providers to contract a PCW to work at their sites. (Schools Ministry Group (SMG), Centacare and Uniting Country SA) PCW's form part of the wellbeing services that already exist within schools.

All PCW's require an up to date Working with Children Check issued by the Department of Human Services.

Ashlee's work has no connection with religious or spiritual matters. Ashlee and the Student Wellbeing Leader (Rachel Pontifex) will work closely together, identifying strategies and how best to support our students' emotional, mental health support and social wellbeing. This may look like small groups focussing on social skills, emotional regulation strategies, support for individuals on a needs basis.

All students have access to social, emotional and mental health support, and on occasion a teacher or the Student Wellbeing Leader will recommend that Ashlee's skill set would support a student at our school. We will always check if that student has permission for Ashlee to work with them. Either Ashlee or the Student Wellbeing Leader will contact the family to inform them that their child has received support.

Ashlee's qualifications

- Working with Children Check
- First aid training
- First Class honours in Psychological Science
- Has attended training in trauma informed practises at another school site
- Has attended training in suicide intervention at another school site

What to do if you **would like** to access support from Ashlee

If you believe that your child would benefit from support socially or emotionally, please send an email to dl.0647.info@schools.sa.edu.au Your email will then be forwarded to Rachel Pontifex (Student Wellbeing Leader). Rachel will review your request and will direct students to Ashlee depending on her timetable and the needs of the student.

What to do if you **would not like** your child to work with Ashlee

If you would not like your child to work with Ashlee, please send an email to dl.0647.info@schools.sa.edu.au A list of students who do not have permission is maintained by the school and made available to Ashlee and Rachel, the Student Wellbeing Leader.

If you have any further questions or queries about Ashlee's role, please do not hesitate to email us.

Kind regards

Rachel Pontifex

Student Wellbeing Leader.