

STUDENT TEAM

Throughout a student's secondary school life a student faces huge changes physically, socially and mentally. Along the way, these young people need to have support systems in place to help them make some very important decisions about the range of choice that are open to them. These may be from career counselling to needing some help in sorting out a friendship problem. Some students need a lot of support; some need very little.



Nevertheless, at Nerang State High School we have a great team who can help support students by either giving assistance directly or by making referrals to others with specific expertise. We like to have parents and guardians involved, so that we can all work together to make Nerang State High School a happy and productive learning environment for all students.

I therefore recommend our Support Team and trust that both students and parents alike will take the opportunity to use the expertise on offer in assisting in any matters that relate to their education and well-being.



GUIDANCE OFFICER:

Rishi Jagunundan
Kerri Henderson

The Guidance Officer's role encumbers a range of responsibilities that includes counselling, (for issues impacting on schooling) individual student support, psycho-educational assessment and referrals to outside specialist agencies. The Guidance Officer gives advice to students, teachers and parents concerning educational, behavioural, career development, mental health and family issues.

Students can see the Guidance Officer to discuss:

- peer pressure
- grief and loss
- self-esteem
- stress management/time management
- University/TAFE course information
- relationship issues
- mental health
- abuse
- career options/pathways
- subject selection



The aim of the Guidance Service is to provide professional expertise, leadership and support to the school community in the development and implementation of plans, programs and procedures to assist students in achieving positive educational, developmental and lifelong learning outcomes.

NURSE:

Vanessa Bradley

The School Based Youth Health Nurse (SBYHN) provides opportunity for students, parents and the whole school community to access a health professional.

The SBYHN provides an invaluable link between the school and health services.

The SBYHN supports the school community in the development of the "Health Promoting Schools" philosophy through the creation of a more supportive and healthy school environment.

Young people can access the nurse to talk in private about:

- health concerns
- sexual health
- smoking
- nutrition and exercise
- anything that may affect health and wellbeing.
- relationships
- mental health issues
- alcohol or drug use
- feeling unhappy or stressed

The nurse is located at Nerang State High School every Thursday and Friday and accepts referrals from teachers, parents and young people themselves.

All consultations with the nurse are confidential under the Health Act.



YOUTH SUPPORT COORDINATOR:

Erin Watts

The role of a state school Youth Support Coordinator (YSC) is to provide support to at-risk students in Years 10 to 12 to remain engaged with their education to enhance their opportunities for further education and sustainable future employment. The role of the YSC will reflect the specific needs of the school. Also, Youth Support Coordinator can assist with:

- refer at-risk students to appropriate agencies and support services that will assist students to overcome barriers to education and training: and
- provide individual support, case management and, where appropriate, group support to students to maximise their engagement with education and training.

Students can see the Youth Support Coordinator to discuss:

- peer pressure
- homelessness
- grief and loss
- family conflict
- self esteem
- problems with friends
- family breakup/separation
- and much more



CHAPLAIN:

Jamie Marshall

The role of a Chaplain is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support within the school. Such areas include;

- grief & loss
- family conflict
- loneliness
- friendships/relationships
- self esteem

The Chaplain is available Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Available to students and families for all pastoral needs.



INDIGENOUS SUPPORT:

Kerrie Lomas

Indigenous support aims to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to stay engaged with their education by providing them with access to in-class support and cultural activities in both school and community.

Students can access support on a wide variety of issues including:

- tutorials
- in-class support
- homework and assignment help
- referral to community organisations
- connection with community elders
- work experience and traineeships
- self-esteem issues
- grief and loss
- conflict with family members
- drug and alcohol issues
- problems with friends



TEAM (Anti Bullying Program):

TOGETHER
EVERYONE
ACHIEVES
MORE

