

## Support Staff

### Guidance Officer &ndash; Mr Alan Fraser

The Guidance Officer's role in the school is to provide for students and parents in areas of personal, vocational and academic counselling.

**Personal Counselling:** Students are welcome to come and discuss any issue on a confidential basis (so that they feel comfortable speaking freely). Areas of concern may be at school or at home and could include problems with students, peer group pressure, stress, relationships (friends, teachers and parents), financial concerns (e.g. AUSTUDY) and accommodation problems. Where appropriate, contact can also be made with other community agencies such as Lifeline, Centrecare etc.

**Vocational Counselling:** A wide variety of information is available to students about careers and courses including information about TAFE Colleges, Universities, Apprenticeships and traineeships. Many students are not sure what they would like to do when they finish school and often need some help getting started. If the information is not available at school then students can usually be provided with contacts which can be followed up.

Students are also able to access the OZJAC computer database which allows searches of hundreds of different courses and careers. Printed information available includes the Queensland Job Guide and TAFE and University Handbooks.

**Academic Counselling:** Students may come for academic counselling for a number of reasons including appropriate selection of subjects, subject changes and choice of subjects related to careers. Other concerns are often related to school work where students need assistance with time management, organisation and study plans.

Particularly for senior students, there are computer programmes which help students attain an idea of possible OPs they could receive based on information from past students.

**Appointments:** Students may make guidance appointments during class time by filling out the booking sheet at the Guidance Office and taking a permission slip to their class teacher. If the time is not suitable to the teacher then students will simply be asked to choose an alternative time. Permission is not needed for appointments during lunch hours or before or after school. Parents may ring the school and leave a message to arrange appointments.

**Location:** The Guidance Officer is located in the Administration Services Building opposite the Administration Block.

### The School Chaplain - Mr Geoff Penner

The school Chaplain works closely with the Principal, Guidance Officer and other members of the support team. He provides pastoral care for the school community and is available to students and parents who need to discuss issues that might be affecting a student's progress at school.

The Chaplain plays an active role in activities such as:

- Student leadership programs
- Fundraising
- Activities programs
- Specific welfare support programs
- Non denominational activities that deal with values and spiritual issues

**Location:** The Chaplain's office is in the old A-Wing block.

### Police Liaison Officer - Nat Bowen

My name is Nat Bowen and I am a School Based Police Liaison Officer. This is a new position and I have been here since the beginning of Term 3. I am here to build positive relationships between all students and the Queensland Police Service. You may see me around the grounds, so please come up and have a chat. Please see me if you have any problems.

### School Nurse &ndash; Sally Hartley

Hello, I'm Sally Hartley the Youth Health Nurse based in the Health Development Team, Community Health Rockhampton. I work at Rockhampton State High School every Wednesday and Thursday. My focus is in Adolescent Health and Wellbeing (physical, social, emotional). I believe that health leads to better learning.

#### Community Education Counsellor &ndash; Ms Sandy Tull

The CEC delivers educational counselling and support programs to ensure that the best possible services are available to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander secondary students and communities. The CEC also provides Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander social and cultural orientated information, cultural awareness training and support to school based officers, teachers, secondary students and community groups. The CEC can be located upstairs in the Administration Services Annex.

#### IESIP Support Worker

The aim of the Indigenous Education Strategic Initiatives Program is to improve learning outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. Through the funding of this program a Support Worker is employed at Rocky High. Her office is in the Admin Services Building.

The IESIP Support Worker is available for in-class support.

#### IESIP Teacher Aide &ndash; Ms Donna Warrie