



# BELLEVUE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## STUDENT WELFARE WORKER

The student welfare worker will provide support for the school community by:

- Planning and implementing class based social development programs in collaboration with classroom teachers.
- Liaising with class teachers and providing individual and small group support to students.
- Supporting individual family needs by being available when needed, being able to access outside supports and generally be an advocate for families.
- Being available for students to provide an empathetic contact in the school, if the child feels the need for such contact.

Provide resource support by:

- Seeking out resources that will support class and individual programs with a focus on supporting our Stop, Think, Do social skills program and 'What's the buzz?' social skills program.
- Providing contacts and details for teachers and families to access supports that may not have been readily available.
- Working with teachers to support cultural, social and values education.
- Working closely with class teachers to provide ideas, support and resources for students who need support with anti-bullying strategies, resilience and regulation.

Provide a referral role by:

- Being a member of the school Learning Support Team (a representative staff group formed to support individual learning and social needs).
- Working with government and non-government agencies.

The school Student Welfare Worker is Maressa Derry and she is contactable by phone 8278 7182 or email [Maressa.Derry42@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Maressa.Derry42@schools.sa.edu.au)

Maressa works with small groups or on a one to one basis providing support to children who could benefit from some extra guidance and support.

Depending on the needs of the child Maressa is trained to:

- Meet with the child for one session each week at school.
- Develop student social skills, confidence, resilience and concentration.
- Provide support with personal or emotional challenges.
- Teach the student how to deal with bullying issues and friendship making skills.
- Provide support for grief, trauma and separation issues.