

City donates \$10,000 to YouthCARE

SHENTON College recently hosted a morning tea to thank the City of Nedlands for a \$10,000 donation towards school chaplaincy.

The City has made an annual donation since 1999 and was represented on the day by Mayor Max Hipkins and youth worker Melissa Dias.

The Shenton Christian Council were also recognised for their significant fundraising efforts to maintain two full-time chaplains in the growing college.

Associate Principal Chris Hill stated that chaplaincy was a vital service that the school couldn't do without.

Head of Welfare and Engagement Laurie Saunders echoed those sentiments as he presented the City of Nedlands and YouthCARE council with a certificate and small gift to thank them for what they do in the school community.

YouthCARE chaplain Kat Taylor said she really appreciated the support from the City of Nedlands, Shenton College and the Shenton District Council.

"It is an amazing feeling knowing that you are doing your role with a whole body of support behind you," she said.

"They make it possible for us to do what we do, to be the light in the dark and a hope to those who feel hopeless.

"Chaplaincy is about being present in some of people's greatest moments of pain, there is no greater privilege"

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said the City had a proud history of supporting worthy causes.

"The City believes it is important to support programs that provide young people with the support they need during challenging times, and offer positive role models," he said.

YouthCARE chief executive officer Stanley Jeyaraj said the partnership between churches and the community and schools is essential to the delivery of YouthCARE's school chaplaincy service.

"Today we thank the City of Nedlands for its contribution towards this partnership which provides YouthCARE's chaplaincy services to Shenton College," he said.

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KEY INFORMATION

- There are more than 350 chaplains in about 600 schools