

## Broome chaplain a 'Mother Hen' to students

AFTER more than 10 years of service, Broome Senior High School chaplain Margie Houston has decided to step down from the role.

In that time Mrs Houston has developed a special bond with the students and has some fond memories.

“A young boy used to come to me to show me his ‘Melbourne Shuffle’ dance moves because he felt safe and I didn’t laugh at him,” she said.

“Another time, four really rowdy boys fell asleep in my office after I did a visualisation relaxation session with them and I had to wake them up when the bell went.”

Another highlight was attending graduation each year and seeing the wonderful people the students had grown into.

Mrs Houston said she treasured working in such a unique role where she was able to listen and care while having the necessary skills to help.

“To be able to speak positively into students’ lives is very rewarding for me because I know it can help them to see things differently and grow emotionally,” she said.

“What I will miss most about being a chaplain will be being part of a great team at Broome Senior High School and the knocks on my door from so many great kids.

“I often see the side of them that no-one else sees and that is very special to me because I know they trust me.”

Up next for Mrs Houston is a move interstate, where she will be spending some time with her children and grandchildren.

“I still have a big heart for youth and can see myself helping out in a smaller way somewhere - probably at the school where my son will be working,” she said.

“I just have to hear a sad story and I want to be there to help them through it. I am just a mother hen and will always be.”

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