The purpose of Chaplaincy Shadowing is to provide an opportunity for Chaplains to share with each other, become refreshed/re-energised and refocused, to get new idea and to develop a spiritual mentor/buddy with whom to 'share the journey'.

The Program runs over three years; that is, each Chaplain is asked to give a three year commitment to the shadowing process.

In short, two Chaplains are 'paired up' through the Chaplaincy Shadowing Program. They can nominate their 'shadow' or, if they prefer, the Program co-ordinator can suggest a partnership. Each Chaplain spends one week each year in the other Chaplain’s school. They may choose a partner from anywhere in Australia.

It is proposed that there be three different pairings over the years. Thus a Chaplain would nominate three different pairings or the co-ordinator could suggest pairings. In this way, a Chaplain would visit three schools and spend time with three different Chaplains.

Each school bears the cost of airfare, accommodation and expenses for their own Chaplain whilst he/she is visiting another school. However, the ASA Management Committee has established a fund to distribute grants to schools seeking assistance towards covering some of the costs involved in the Chaplaincy Shadowing Program.

All participants in the Program are required to attend a workshop, which is held prior to the commencement of the annual ASA conference. This Pre-conference Workshop is open to all Chaplains who are interested in participating in the Chaplaincy Shadowing Program in the following year. Attendance at this Workshop is a pre-requisite for participation in the Program.

Those Chaplains who participate in the Program are also asked to attend the Pre-Conference workshop in order to report on their shadowing and to share their experience with others. They may also be asked to write a reflection for inclusion in an ASA publication, as well as for any school based reporting which they may be required to complete.

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