

## **NCAT Youth Worker**

The college employs a full time Youth Worker to support students and their families. The Youth Worker provides students experiencing personal or emotional challenges, difficulties at school or at home, grief or other critical events, with support and/or referrals to specialist services. This support is also available to students' parents/carers.

The Youth Worker works closely with the college's Student Wellbeing Team and also assists in the running of class and college-wide activities to enhance student well-being and student leadership.

The position is partly funded by the Australian Government's Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program which has provided \$50,000 over two and a half years towards the position.

Leanne Peros, our Youth Worker, brings a wealth of experience and skill to the role; she also has an extensive network of services to which she can refer students or their families. Students can approach Leanne directly in her office and both students and parents can make an appointment to see her.

Parents and students have the option of not using the Youth Worker's services in which case we would ask that they contact the Assistant Principal regarding alternatives.

Should parents/students have any queries or concerns regarding the services provided by the Youth Worker, they should contact the Assistant Principal.