



Counselling Services at Scotch College - Torrens Park Campus

Consent Form For Middle School And Senior College Students

At Scotch College we have a Counselling Team of three staff. The College Psychologist (Caroline Bates) oversees counselling services and the College Chaplain (Scott Magann) and College Nurse (Jean Moss) are also available to provide counselling. During your time at Scotch you might need to see one of the counsellors so it is important that you understand the information on this form.

Members of the Counselling Team are required to keep all the information they are given confidential. This includes anything written or said during a session or over the phone. The counsellor will not pass the information on to your parents, your teachers or your friends without your permission.

However, sometimes in a counselling session it becomes clear that there are factors putting you or others at risk of harm or in some kind of danger. If this happens, counsellors have a duty to protect you and others and need to report the information so that everyone can be safe. The information may be reported to your parents, school staff, or legal authorities.

In addition, sometimes counsellors need to discuss ideas with other counsellors to make sure that they are helping you in the best way possible. This means that some of your private information might be spoken about with other members of the counselling team. If this happens, the other counsellors are required to keep your information confidential.

Students do not need permission from anyone to contact a member of the Counselling Team. The easiest way to contact a counsellor is via FirstClass email.

If you miss a class to see a counsellor then the counsellor will inform your Head of House that you have been with them e.g., "Fred was with me during Lesson 2 today." The counsellor will not give your Head of House any private information about you without your permission.

If you understand and agree to these conditions please sign your name here.

_____ (date) _____ (name) _____ (signature)