

The **National School Chaplaincy Programme (NSCP)**, is an [Australian federal government](#) programme which funds [chaplains](#) in [Australian](#) primary and secondary schools. The chaplains are to provide “support and guidance about ethics, values, relationships and spirituality”.^[1] The grants are \$20,000 a year for schools and \$24,000 for schools in remote areas.^[2]

Hindus are missing out big time on School Chaplaincy. Hindu students form 2.5% of school students in NSW but there is not a single known Hindu Chaplain in any of the schools.

While the NSCP is formally not religion-specific, the chaplains employed under the programme are disproportionately [Christian](#). In 2011, one study stated that 96.5% of the chaplains employed under the programme were Christian, while only 64% of Australians identified as Christian (based on the 2006 census). By contrast, 0.01% of the chaplains were secular, whereas 19% of Australians identified as having no religion. [Buddhism](#), the second largest religion, is followed by 2% of Australians, but only 0.03% of the school chaplains. [Islam](#) was followed by 1.7% of Australians, but only 0.9% of school chaplains. [Judaism](#) is the only religion which had a roughly proportionate representation, with 0.45% of the Australian population following the religion, and 0.5% of school chaplains.

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