



**SCHOOL CHAPLAIN:** Edgar Arevalo  
**YEAR OF SERVICE:** 3rd  
**SCHOOLS:** Lota State School—3 days/wk  
 Wondall Heights State School 2 days/wk  
**QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor of Social Science

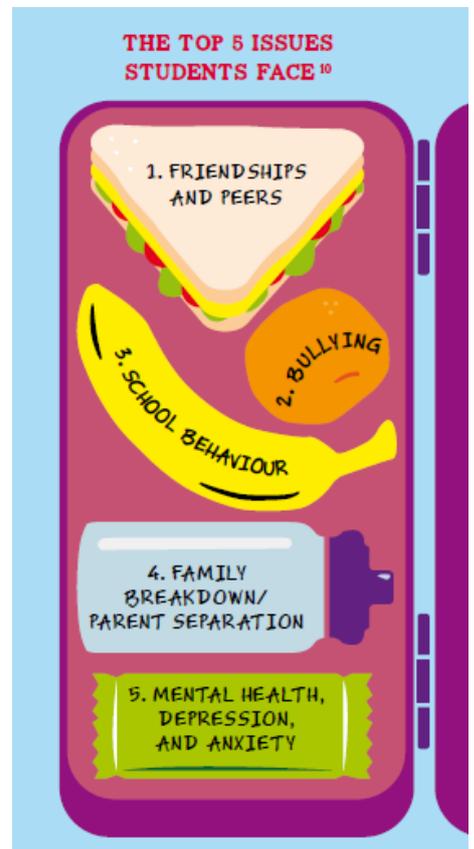
**Why I became a Chaplain...**

At the time, I was studying Science and I decided with some friends to go as a volunteer to Schoolies. I met quite a few teenagers some who shared their personal lives and struggles. From that point on I wanted make a difference in young people’s lives. I heard about chaplaincy and thought it was the perfect fit in what I was seeking to do. Then everything seem to just fall into place. I started my chaplaincy career in high schools but it became clear to me that more and more of these issues are being encountered by primary school children. And so here I am.

I spend a lot of time building relationships with the students, engaging with them like playing a game of handball to be a safe and trusting person they can talk to. I also offer an alternative for students during the break in the form of Chess Club. I provide events throughout the year to encourage community through things such as breakfasts, and organising games during lunchbreaks. And I always strive to be a positive role model and demonstrating good qualities to the students.

**How you can help.**

Without financial support, volunteer assistance community support & prayer I couldn’t do what I do. If you *can* help... I *need* your help. Please go to [www.suqld.org.au/donate](http://www.suqld.org.au/donate) to financially contribute or take a donor form... Or contact [edgara@chappy.org.au](mailto:edgara@chappy.org.au) if you can support in other ways.



**Lota State School & Wondall Heights SS**  
**Chaplaincy**  
 ‘Mentoring’  
 ‘Chess Club’  
 ‘Family Support’  
 Along with programs and other needs met by our ‘greater community’



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