



TAINUI SCHOOL

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Kia ora Parent / Caregiver

ChatBus is a counselling service for children under 14 years of age and operates in 23 schools across Dunedin and Mosgiel. Tainui School's Board of Trustees and Leadership Team have decided that ChatBus will visit one day each week during 2019.

Here is an introduction from the ChatBus counsellor who will be working with us:

My name is Kylie Barker, and I am a professionally trained counsellor, experienced in working with children. As a parent myself, I also understand the joys and challenges of raising children.

This year I will be visiting Tainui School every Thursday. I am always happy to talk with parents either face to face or by phone.

Sometimes parents have some reservations about their children talking to a counsellor, and I want to reassure you that if your child talks about anything that causes concern for me, I will contact you. While my focus is on the children, I understand that each child comes as part of their own special family, and I want to encourage you as you do your best to provide for your children's needs and help them reach their potential.

We require parental permission for children to attend counselling, and we want to make it easy, so here's what we need. If you are happy for your child to choose to attend ChatBus while at Tainui School or for his/her teacher to recommend going, you don't need to do anything. Thank you.

If for any reason you do **NOT** want your child coming to Chatbus, please return the form below.

Ngā mihi

Kylie Barker
MNZAC / ChatBus

Shelley Wilde
Principal

Bevan Townsend
Board Chairperson

I do **NOT** want _____ (my child) to attend ChatBus.

Name of parent / caregiver: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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