In 2023 St Clare's were fortunate enough to be able to introduce a wellbeing dog into the community. Over a 12-month period St Clare's has engaged with Dogs Connect to source and supply a puppy as well as provide an extensive online training program to staff, parents and students.

Jess is a female Cobberdog who has been working in the school since the beginning of Term 3.

Much research has been done around the potential impact of wellbeing dogs in schools. They provide emotional support and give students an opportunity for connection. They can also help with school attendance, communication, leadership, behaviour, and students dealing with trauma.

The change in our community has been wonderful. Jesse is an integral part of our wellbeing team.

