



Buddy Program
POLICY
STRATHAIRD PRIMARY SCHOOL
May 2018

Rationale:

The Buddy Program is one aspect of the Values Program, it is designed to enhance self-esteem, foster positive relationships between students and provide new opportunities for learning. Furthermore, the program supports the ideals of the Values Program.

Aims:

- To provide opportunities for social interaction between different age groups within the school.
- To provide the opportunity for older students to have a nurturing and caring role for younger children, both in the classroom and schoolyard.
- To provide older students with a position of responsibility and leadership.
- To provide interesting and varied learning opportunities.
- To enhance the self-esteem and self-confidence of the students.

Implementation:

- There is an expectation that all Prep Grades have a Grade 6 buddy grade and will pair students together.
- The program should be open-ended, flexible, creative and fun. It is the role of the classroom teachers involved to implement suitable activities, applicable to the needs of their students.
- The Buddy Program is designed to be run on a regular basis (minimum 3 times a term) or as decided by the classroom teachers involved.
- Special Occasions/Events provide good opportunities for Buddy Work; for example, Book Week, etc.

Evaluation:

Evaluation of the program is the responsibility of the teachers involved and this policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on Tuesday 15th May, 2018

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