
	<h2>Hughesdale Primary School</h2>
	<h3>BUDDIES Policy</h3>
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Included on Website; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Authorised (Principal); 

PURPOSE:

The Buddy Program has been created at Hughesdale Primary school to foster a positive relationship between both the Foundation and Level 6 students and to assist them in their social and academic development. The program allows the Foundation students to establish a healthy, positive and safe connection to the school through regular contact with the Level 6 students. In addition the Level 6 students are given the opportunity to further develop and establish their role in the school as leaders and mentors.

GUIDELINES:

- To promote positive relationships between the youngest and eldest students of our school.
- To mentor and support the Foundation students within our school when they are out in the playground and through structured buddy sessions/lessons/events.
- To support the development of student leadership and mentoring skills.
- To encourage students to care for other students.
- To develop children’s social skills to enable them to get along with others.
- To embed our school values from F-6.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- This program will be led by a representative teacher from both the Foundation and Level 6 teams who will meet on a regular basis over the duration of each term.
- The Level Leaders, in consultation with their team, will coordinate the buddy match ups prior to students meeting each other, aiming to have the most appropriate match ups (behavioural and social).
- An explanation of the program consisting of general guidelines will be made available within the Foundation Information pack prior to the commencement of the program.
- Appropriate behavioural and social expectations will be made clear to all students prior to the commencement of the program.
- Students will meet formally on a regular basis each term and participate in activities organised by the teachers and students.
- Activities will be designed to assist both Level 6 and Foundation students in both their social and academic development.
- A letter will be written for the incoming Foundation student by their Level 6 buddy and their Foundation teacher and posted to the incoming Foundations students’ home during the Summer Holidays before they begin school.