

CLEMTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

BUDDY CLASS POLICY



RATIONALE:

The Buddy Policy at Clemton Park Public School provides the school and our community with a program that is designed to develop physical, social and mental wellbeing. The program is implemented across the whole school and it supports a safer and happier environment where effective teaching and learning can occur. The Buddy program at CPPS envisions all young people to develop:

- ❖ A strong sense of self
- ❖ Connectedness
- ❖ K-6 attitude
- ❖ A sense of unity
- ❖ A feeling of helpfulness for peers in the school
- ❖ Resilience and
- ❖ A sense of possibility for the future

ORGANISATION:

At the beginning of each year classes are asked to buddy with another class in the school. It is advised that a K-2 class buddy with a 3-6 class.

The teachers of the two classes then organize meet at different times of the year to engage in a variety of activities. The following are suggestions of what activities may occur with the Buddy classes:

- ✓ At the beginning of the year Kindergarten buddies can visit and assist with helping the Kindergarten understand school life and routines.
- ✓ During the Easter Hat parade, classes can work together to create Easter Hats.
- ✓ When a K-2 class has an item at their assembly the 3-6 Buddy may want to come and watch their item.
- ✓ When students have created Design and Make Science projects the younger classes may want to come and see what the older classes have created.
- ✓ The environmental areas in the playground have been divided so buddy classes have a specific area to clean together.
- ✓ During "Clean Up Australia Day" (MARCH) buddies are given the same area to clean in the playground.
- ✓ The older buddy classes can meet with the younger classes during DEAR time to hear the students read.
- ✓ Peer Tutoring in KLAs
- ✓ Pen pals activities
- ✓ Musica Viva activities
- ✓ Computer Tutoring
- ✓ End of Year activities
- ✓ Education Week activities