



"To Live, To Love, To Grow In Christ"

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Class Buddy Program Policy

Rationale

This program encourages student engagement and support across all year levels. We aim to ensure all students have access to not only their peers, but also students from classes older or younger than themselves. Our Class Buddy Program has been developed to provide student support in their learning in the classroom and playground. It is also in place to assist in the child's physical, social and mental wellbeing.

Aim

Class Buddy Program is in place to:

- Support students in their learning
- Encourage a sense of unity
- Develop positive relationships
- Mentor and guide students in their learning and play
- Participate in learning activities
- Provide opportunities for leadership of our students
- A place for students to visit when reflecting on behavioural choices

Program/Procedures

At the beginning of school year classroom teachers are to nominate a 'Buddy Class' that is not of the same age of their class. Teachers then work together to organise learning activities that take place at least once a fortnight. In addition, whole school events such as school masses/liturgies are an area where the Class Buddy Program is utilised.

With Holy Spirit Positive Behaviour Support Policy and Agreed Practices, teachers are asked to utilise their buddy class through Blue Buddy Card. If a student requires a break to assist with behaviour identified as Level 1, or 2 then you are required to utilise your buddy class. (Teacher discretion at times may require 'Red Card' for Level 2 Behaviours). Whether a blue or red card, teachers are required to complete coloured slip.

Please note, where behaviour identified as Level 3 (Red Card) – Principal/Deputy Principal to be informed.

Suggested Activities:

- Attending mass/liturgies together
- Shared lunches
- Reading
- Special events, e.g., Holy Spirit Feast Day

Buddy Class arrangements for 2024:

- Room 8 (Mrs Tsikouris) & Room 15 (Mrs Justice)
- Room 9 (Mrs Bugden) & Room 14 (Mrs Gray)
- Room 2 (Mrs Claire) & Room 10 (Ms Nikita)
- Room 4 (Miss Britten) & Room 12 (Ms Carla)
- Room 6 (Mrs S) & Room 13 (Mrs Heidi)
- Room 17 (Miss Siobhan) & Community of Learners