



# Wattle Park Primary School

## ***BUDDIES POLICY***

### **PURPOSE**

To promote a sense of caring, responsibility, leadership and friendship in both older and younger students.

To provide younger students with a security and support network to older students in the school community, in particular the grade 6 students who will offer a positive role model of our values and norms.

### **IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES**

- Grade 5 students will be involved in supporting the prep transition program in the term 4 prior to their commencement at school.
- Students from prep will be paired with year 6 students. If numbers permit the pairs will be gender matched.
- For organisational purposes, a prep class will be matched with a grade 6 group of students in one class, wherever possible.
- This will commence in the first weeks of the school year so that the prep students can be supported and guided in their new school environment.
- Many opportunities for the students to develop their relationships will be provided through planned experiences both within the classrooms programs and through the wider school programs. The students will share regular lunchtimes together and experiences that will offer opportunities to develop richer and deeper learning, including supporting the level 1 literacy and numeracy program.

### **EVALUATION**

The principal, staff and school community will undertake evaluation of the policy and program.

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