



## 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 Year 6 students who will offer a positive role model of our values and norms.

### Scope and Guidelines

- Year 5 students will be involved in supporting the Foundation transition program in term 4 prior to their commencement at school.
- Students from Foundation will be paired with Year 6 students. If numbers permit, the pairs will be gender matched.
- For organisational purposes, a Foundation class will be matched with a Year 6 group of students in one class, wherever possible.
- This will commence in the first weeks of the school year so that the Foundation 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. For example; Reading Buddies, Teddy Bears' Picnic and Maths Games Days. 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.

### Related policies and resources

[WPPS Child Safe policies and resources](#)

[WPPS Duty of Care Policy](#)

[WPPS Inclusion and Diversity Policy](#)

[WPPS Student Integration Policy](#)

### Review

**This policy was ratified by School Council 2021**