



## **GLENDAL PRIMARY SCHOOL BUDDIES POLICY**

### **Rationale**

The Buddies program aims to provide the Prep children with a sense of belonging and security within the school environment. It also aims to develop caring and responsible attitudes in the older children. Both participating groups can achieve greater independence within the school environment.

### **Guidelines**

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Student Wellbeing Policy.

### **Implementation**

- The Prep and Grade Six teachers will allocate Grade Six children with Prep Buddies, taking into account individual children's needs, at the commencement of the Buddies program.
- Supervising teachers will meet early in each term to plan Buddies program content.
- Supervising teachers will ensure that activities planned for each term are part of the VELs Areas and that a variety of activities are planned.
- The Grade Six teachers will discuss the responsibility of the Grade Six children in Buddies sessions and the consequential relationship that develops with their Prep buddies in other school situations.
- The supervising teachers will evaluate the program. Grade Six children's opinions will also be considered.

### **Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.