



IDEAS BOARD FOR STUDENT MANAGEMENT AND SUPPORT



KIDS PROGRAM

In this school, Year 7 students are available in the schoolyard to help younger students who have problems, fights or disagreements. They don't take sides; they help the students work out their problems with the intention that the younger students will be prepared to work out future problems themselves.

TIME OUT

This school has a Student Time Out program. Any student who feels a confrontational interaction (with staff or students) is escalating to the point that something regrettable will be said or done is expected to remove himself or herself from the situation and report to the office. The office is viewed as a neutral place where constructive problem-solving occurs before disciplinary action is required.

PEACEFUL SOLUTION

A whole-day workshop is offered to Year 4 students called Towards Peaceful Solutions, in response to school and parent concerns that students are choosing aggressive means to solve schoolyard problems. The workshop consists of a series of presentations and discussions with the administrator, a psychologist, a lifeskills worker and a presenter from the Stop Abuse in Families Society.

CLASS MEETINGS

This School has classroom meetings to create a safe and caring learning environment. All teachers have been trained to organise and run classroom meetings. These weekly sessions allow students and teachers to work together to share compliments, concerns and issues.

TLC

This school began The TLC (Tender, Loving, Care) Center, which involved the school counsellor and social worker. These two people work with students, parents, teachers and members of the community in key areas such as conflict management, problem-solving and friendship-making skills.

BASE COMMUNITY

This school has a six-minute time slot at the end of the day called Base Community, during which every staff member takes a group of 20 students. Activities are provided to assist in developing positive relationships among all students. The student groups are interchanged every few weeks; this helps to break down animosity and develops good student relations.