Wollongong Public School

Peacekeepers Program
2013
The Peacekeeper Program is an initiative of the student welfare program at Wollongong Public School. The program aims to assist students with conflict resolution and foster the development of cooperative play skills in all students from K-6. Peacekeepers are placed in the playground every lunchtime and are available to students who need support in making sensible and safe play decisions. Peacekeepers are required to set a positive example and adhere to the guidelines of the program at all times.

**Peacekeeper Guidelines**

- Peacekeepers is a voluntary program for Year 6 students. All students enrolled in Year 6 receive training in conflict resolution, mediation and cooperative play at the start of the year. In consultation with their parents or caregivers, the students then determine if they are able and willing to participate in the program. A commitment to the program requires a duty at lunchtime, as per roster.
- Peacekeepers lead by example and provide positive role models for all students in the playground. If, for any reason, a Peacekeeper has difficulty doing so, he/she may not be allowed to continue in the program.
- Peacekeepers follow the school rules and show respect to all staff members, visitors to the school and students at all times.
- Peacekeepers assist students to develop skills in playing cooperatively and assist teachers in making the playground a happy and safe place for all children to play.
- Peacekeepers can act as mediators. A mediator helps to solve problems between people. They listen to students with a problem and take care not to take sides, nor to find fault with either student. They offer choices and encourage students to find solutions to their own problems.
- Peacekeepers do not get personally involved and keep matters confidential.
- Peacekeepers need to consult with the teacher on duty and refer students to the duty teacher if they feel that the problem needs teacher support or intervention.
- Peacekeepers do not criticise or put down students.
- When on duty in the playground, Peacekeepers can actively support students to develop “play” skills by introducing games and encouraging students to play fairly.