GUNDAROO PUBLIC SCHOOL

PEER SUPPORT THROUGH VERTICAL GROUPS POLICY

RATIONALE
To develop strategies and skills to enhance:
- Communication and positive interpersonal relationships
- Co-operation between pupils of different ages
- Leadership skills for older students
- A caring attitude towards others.

AIM
To have small groups of students (K-6) develop positive self-esteem, co-operative group skills and improved communication.

OUTCOMES
Through co-operative peer groups, the children will:
- Develop life-long co-operative group skills
- Increase their confidence/self-esteem
- Improve communication skills
- Develop leadership skills, especially the older students
- Gain mutual respect and concern for others
- Develop responsibility – both self and group
- Learn to interact with children across a wide age range

IMPLEMENTATION
Peer support activities will focus on group cohesiveness and interpersonal skills. Activities will be non-threatening, promote self-esteem, encourage friendship and peer support.

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