



PEACEFUL SCHOOLS PROGRAM PILOT SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Koonung Secondary College

EMBEDDING CASSE MODEL WITHIN THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Koonung Secondary College has taken a significant step and embedded the CASSE model within their strategic plan across a number of areas due to the success they have experienced since adopting the model. Their student team elected to focus on creating a safer and more supportive environment through minimizing bullying and exclusion.

The CASSE student team is led by their team leader to creatively explore ways to enhance the already safe and supportive environment they enjoy. The CASSE student team wrote, developed and recorded an anti bullying rap song in response to a national competition to reduce bullying. Their vision was for this to broadcast through the public address system to raise awareness of the issue and to promote the work of the CASSE team within the school. In addition, they have branded their annual student wellbeing day a 'CASSE' day and provide a range of creative and fun activities to enhance student wellbeing.

A number of students from the CASSE student team presented to the Mayor of Moreland the strengths of the CASSE model to convey their first-hand experience and understanding of the 'real' issues and to influence him not to replicate all the other anti-bullying programs they have been exposed to that, in their opinion, have no impact. Their passionate and articulate presentation was a credit to them and Koonung Secondary College. They stressed the CASSE model is successful because it is not prescriptive and they were able to tailor the implementation to fit their individual school.

The CASSE student team presents to the whole school population through the pastoral care program and assemblies. A student within the school independently

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developed a Facebook page, 'Koonung says 'NO' to bullying', and received over 600 likes. No doubt his motivation and confidence was generated by the work of the CASSE student team and as a result he was recruited to the team.

Koonung is exploring ways to continue to grow CASSE and expand the student team.

This resource and further information about Creating A Safe Supportive Environment is available to download at www.casse.org.au.

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