



PEACEFUL SCHOOLS PROGRAM PILOT SCHOOL OVERVIEW

Milgate Primary

AN INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE CANDIDATE SCHOOL STRENGTHENS ITS CARING, SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT USING CASSE APPROACH

Milgate Primary School is currently an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Candidate School. Milgate offers an exciting educational program and readily adopted the CASSE model to strengthen their already caring and supportive environment. Milgate acknowledges that no school is completely free of bullying and makes a concerted effort to minimize the incidents through proactive initiatives.

Milgate began its CASSE journey by selecting a group of altruistic students to form the CASSE student team. The student team was set the task of identifying areas within the school that could be enhanced in some way to create a safer and even more supportive environment. The CASSE student team was introduced to the whole school to ensure students in need knew where they could find support within the student population. The CASSE student team was led by the CASSE team leader and encouraged to explore opportunities to resolve and promote peaceful resolution of any conflict. In addition, the student team offered support to peers in need of strengthening their social skills and levels of resilience.

Sofea, 11 years of age, stated, "I have learnt that I can handle situations. I have changed by helping others more."

Weekly meetings of the student team are supervised by the team leader and address any emerging issues and unresolved conflict. The CASSE student team promotes their role within the school through presenting at school assemblies where they perform role plays to demonstrate peaceful conflict resolution and inclusion of students in need of support.

Bronte, aged 12, stated, “I have learnt to be more inclusive, grateful and patient when working with others.”

A CASSE Peaceful Schools award is presented at assemblies by the CASSE student team, acknowledging altruistic, supportive and inclusive behavior observed by the team within the general student population.

The CASSE model fits well within Milgate’s existing Student Wellbeing policy and procedures that embrace restorative practices. Both student and teachers at Milgate Primary report a significant reduction in incidents of bullying since the implementation of the program.

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