

Relationship Management Policy

At Discovery College, the quality of relationships across our school community is a strong determinant of our overall success.

The interrelationships between students, staff (teaching and non teaching) and parents must be open, honest and respectful and have the achievement of the student and the well-being of all parties at their core.

All parties i.e. students, staff (teaching and non teaching) and parents must accept they have a role to play in the development and maintenance of these relationships. The quality of these relationships will be reflected in the outcomes for students.

All staff are responsible for managing behaviour for all students. Students must understand that **all** staff (EAs, support staff and teachers) have the right to question them about any behaviour / actions that are inappropriate.

Restorative Practice Procedures

We use Restorative Practice to restore relationships at Discovery College with the intention of resolving issues through a no blame approach.

Restorative Practice means that for any situation requiring intervention of staff and/or student mediators we are working to ensure that all parties:

1. Acknowledge their role in the incident
2. Take responsibility for their actions
3. Understand the impact of their actions
4. Be part of the solution (where possible)

We will encourage this through the use of a consistent line of questioning, which may differ slightly for primary and secondary students (in language only):

To the wrong doer

We're here to talk about...

What happened?

What were you thinking at the time?

What have you thought about since?

What do you think has been affected by what you did?

In what way?

What do you need to do to make things right?

How can we make sure this doesn't happen again?

What can I do to help you?

To the victim

What did you think when it happened?

What have you thought about since?

How has it affected you?

What's been the worst of it?

What's needed to make things right?

How can we make sure this doesn't happen again?

When stuck

Was it the right or wrong thing to do?

Was it fair or unfair?

What exactly are you sorry for?

You didn't answer my question.

Restorative Practice does not preclude the use of other consequences that may be, but are not restricted to:

Verbal warnings

Meetings with teaching staff

Exclusion from participation in events

Referral to appropriate support agencies

Reflections – during / after school

Appointment with Student Counsellor

and/or Social Worker

Loss of privileges

Verbal and/or written apologies

Students sent home early

Parent meetings

Parents informed

Exclusion from school

Bullying

- Bullying is the abuse of a relationship.
- Bullying is a type of behaviour that needs to be changed.
- Bullying is ongoing, unwanted behaviour on the part of the victim.

It can take a variety of forms - verbal, physical and cyber, therefore, Restorative Practice is appropriate in that we seek the same outcomes as for other behaviour