

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

Building and maintaining healthy relationships at school

Restorative practice is a strategy that seeks to repair relationships that have been damaged.

It does this by bringing about a sense of remorse and restorative action on the part of the offender and forgiveness by the victim.

The most profound learning occurs when there is a healthy relationship between teacher and student.

Restorative Practices assists teachers, students and parents to build, maintain and restore relationships.

Restorative Practices helps build capacity to enable students to self-regulate behaviour and contributes to the improvement of learning outcomes.

At Koo Wee Rup Primary School we work with students to reflect upon their behaviours using a restorative approach.

The rationale behind this approach is that when offenders reflect upon their harm to victims:

- They become remorseful and act restoratively.
- Teachers can focus on the unacceptable behaviour rather than the child.
- This can lead to healthier interpersonal relations among members of the school community and more effective learning.