Restorative Practices

Restorative Practices is a means of developing and restoring relationships where harm has occurred. Over the years our school has engaged staff, students and parents in the establishment of a refocused conflict resolution program based on restorative practice. Put simply, restorative practice means to repair harm. This process has provided our community with a positive means of dealing with conflict, incidences of disruptive behaviour in the classroom, bullying and teasing in the playground, and enables us to restore the school's safe and caring environment. Staff, students and parents have participated in training workshops which resulted in a community-wide understanding of restorative practice and how it will be used in the school. The restorative framework that helps students, teachers and parents understand what happened, who was harmed and what we need to do to make things right. It replaces more retributive consequences and focuses on repair.

This program provides teachers at the school with greater skills to resolve conflict situations in positive ways and students and parents see the process as inclusive and fair.