

## Restorative Practices at YSC...

- Respectful relationships
- Cooperative work
- Circle time—to plan, re-view and evaluate units of work
- Class meetings to solve problems
- Restorative chats
- No-blame Class conferences
- Restorative meetings to deal with bullying
- Community conferences
- Values education
- Working lunch to sort out class issues
- Pastoral Care



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 *"So teaching children to do as they're told is not a good enough aim for behaviour management. Instead what I'd like children to learn to do is to think for themselves...not to think what would happen to me if I get caught...but what effect would my behaviour have on other people"*  
(Porter 2002)

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## ► What are restorative practices?

Restorative Practices involve the building of positive relationships and establishing a supportive environment that is fair, consistent and democratic.




The underlying principle is that relationships are important, and when an incident occurs, the focus is on the harm caused to the relationship and the subsequent repairing of that harm; rather than; what rule has been broken and therefore what consequences will be imposed.

In restorative practices, the wrongdoer(s) and the victim(s), as well as supporters of both, are provided with the opportunity to talk about what has happened, how they have been affected by it and what they want to see happen to repair the harm that has been caused. This approach aims to repair the harm done to relationships and people, over and above the need for assigning blame and dispensing punitive punishment.

Rather than a person who is not involved dispensing "punishment" or consequences, all those involved are part of working out what should occur to make things right.


A restorative approach to conflict or wrongdoing consists of asking

### 4 KEY QUESTIONS:

 What happened & what were you thinking at the time?

 Who has been affected?

 How can we make things right?

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



### A Restorative approach...

- Focuses on the harm to a relationship rather than what rule has been broken
- Encourages students to appreciate the consequences of their actions for others
- Enables students to make amends where their actions have harmed others
- Requires students to be accountable for their actions
- Encourages respect for all concerned and develops empathy for others

