



Welfare Corner



What does the School Welfare Officer Do?

As we are at the start of a new school year, I thought it would be an ideal time to let you know what my role is, within our school community.

I am at school Monday-Friday. The children call me by my first name as I am not a teacher but a support person for the children and for you.

My role involves working with students, their families and the staff at Bell Park North Primary School, as well as other professionals within the wider community. I offer support to teaching staff when required, to help them provide your child with the best education experience they can have.

In my role, I offer one-on-one work with students or small group work with students, where there is a similar issue or concern.

These issues can include, social skills, friendship, grief, and loss, behavioural, anger issues, bullying, family issues, emotional issues, support with self-regulation, fears, anxiety, school issues, trauma issues and mental health issues or any other issue that affects your child's wellbeing.

I am available to support parents, if you have any concerns or issues that relate to your child. You can either come and see me or phone me at school if you need to discuss any issues or concerns you may have. However, if you need more than a few minutes I suggest you make an appointment so I can give you the time you need to talk about your concern or issue.

I am available to work with all children within our school community.

Some children just need someone to talk to; this often helps to make school a good place for learning. Some children just need some time out of the classroom to manage their feelings. There are also times when the playground becomes difficult for a child and they need some support to manage this.

Other areas I oversee, is our SEAL program, which is our **Social Emotional Awareness Learning**, this program incorporates Respectful Relationships, Zones of Regulation and The Resilience Project, so your children receive a holistic wellbeing program, to assist with building their social and emotional skills, you will hear more about the SEAL program in our newsletter, watch out for 'Swimming with SEAL'. I also oversee Be You which is a mental health initiative funded by the Government, it is a framework to assist schools to provide appropriate care and support for children who are having issues with their mental health.

Welfare Corner will be a regular feature in our newsletter. This will feature various welfare related information, so keep an eye out for it.

Please feel free to make contact and have a chat or make a time to discuss any concerns or issues with me so we can work together to support your child /ren to have a good year at school.

I look forward to supporting you and your child/ren this year at school.

Rosalie Scott-Welfare Officer

