



A Real Schools Partnership What you might see?

QUICK SUMMARY

1. Restorative practice is an alternative to adversarial methods
2. Focuses on repairing harm and restoring relationships
3. All parties have input
4. Encourages students to take responsibility for their actions

A warm greeting to all our parents and carers. We're thrilled to share some really exciting news with you. Your school has made the important decision to partner with us at Real Schools and what we're doing in this article is sharing some of what this exciting journey is going to be about.

When we work with schools our job is to walk alongside staff, students and the parent/carer community to enhance all the great things

that are already happening in the school. And when we've been talking to your school leaders recently there's already so many amazing things that happen across your school community. What this partnership will do is further elevate that work. But there's also some things that we'll be focussing on that will help us develop the culture at your school.

And that's about how we work together with the key stakeholders in the school – our staff, our

students and our parent/carer community. The way that we're going to do this work together is through what we call our partnership model. The partnership works over a three-year period and every year we'll be supporting your whole school community to be able to get the gains that you want and of course deserve.

In each year of partnership, we will facilitate a professional learning day with all your incredible staff. There will then be an in-class support day where we will be in your classrooms modelling, co-teaching and providing feedback to your amazing teachers. Additionally, we want parents on this journey as well, so each year we facilitate a parent information session, along with articles, newsletter inserts, short videos and social media posts to keep you up to date with the partnership journey. These are designed to

build your understanding of the great work that your school will be doing to support and guide our most precious resource – your children – but also to provide practical tips for parents to utilise in the home environment.

Now, you may be asking what is the focus of this work? Well, it's around building a restorative school community through a framework our CEO and Founder Adam Voigt has designed which is called RP2.0. We're going to unpack this further in future articles, but just to give you a little taste, restorative practices are about explicitly focussing on building strong relationships with all our stakeholders (staff, students and parents) across our school and leveraging those relationships for amazing things to

happen in terms of not only the social-emotional development of your child, but also in terms of their learning outcomes.

In addition to that, what we want to do through this partnership is help your child to be able to take responsibility for their actions. What we all want is for them to grow into great citizens who put back into their community. We do all of this by working restoratively which, when an incident occurs, allows a focus on the harm that may have been caused, the damage that may have resulted to the relationship to be repaired, and then, focusing on moving forward in a harmonious and supportive environment.

So it's an exciting journey that we've got in front of us.

If you'd like to find out a little more, we encourage you to go to our website – realschools.com.au to start to explore some of this work that we're embarking on together. You'll also receive full access to the membership section of the website through a username and password that your school will provide.

We look forward to working with you as this journey unfolds.

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